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Hearing.

▶ Former hockey players Todd Holt and Sheldon Kennedy embrace outside the Law Courts on Wednesday following Graham James' sentencing hearing in Winnipeg.

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Apology for players

Graham James, one of Canada's most abhorred sex offenders and a notorious former junior hockey coach, stood in a courtroom Wednesday and apologized for the sexual abuse that shattered the trust of the hockey world and the lives of some of its most promising players. **See story, page 6.**

Panel reports widespread bullying of Alberta doctors

Alberta Health Services set up a 1-800 hotline number three weeks ago for staff and physicians to call with concerns

Bureaucratic mismanagement and bullying of doctors have knocked Alberta's health system off the rails and brought much patient suffering, a government panel reported Wednesday.

Dr. John Cowell told a news conference that five years after the province was told how to fix the core issue — poor management of hospital beds — the problem remains.

"Wait times in Alberta urban (emergency departments) are still far too long," said Cowell.

"Patients waiting for a hospital bed is the single most important factor contributing to (emergency department) crowding. Sadly this was found in 2007, this has been known for a very long time. What needs to happen is: solve this problem. Manage the beds you've got in a far more strategic and tactical manner."

Cowell made the comments after releasing the results and recommendations of a study ordered up 10 months ago by former premier Ed Stelmach to investigate allegations of avoidable patient deaths, cover-ups and bullying of doctors in the system.

Premier Alison Redford has since promised that an independent public inquiry will follow with its mandate shaped around the Health Quality Council findings.

Cowell's team said they found widespread bullying of doctors who spoke out on substandard patient care. The backlash ranged from doctors being ignored to some losing their hospital privileges.

Cowell said the result has been doctors either leaving or continuing to work but as cynical clock-punchers no longer willing to fight for a system they felt was unfixable. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Call for an inquiry

- **Spadework.** Premier Alison Redford has promised to call the public inquiry before the election. Cowell's report, however, said an inquiry on intimidation may not be needed because his panel has done all the spadework.
- **Problem.** The report instead urges the government to use the money to fix the problem of bullying through programs and a task force.
- **Critics.** But opposition critics say that recommendation is an attempt by Cowell to give political wiggle room to Redford to allow her to avoid calling a public inquiry that would bring scrutiny on potentially embarrassing and outrageous behaviour of her government.

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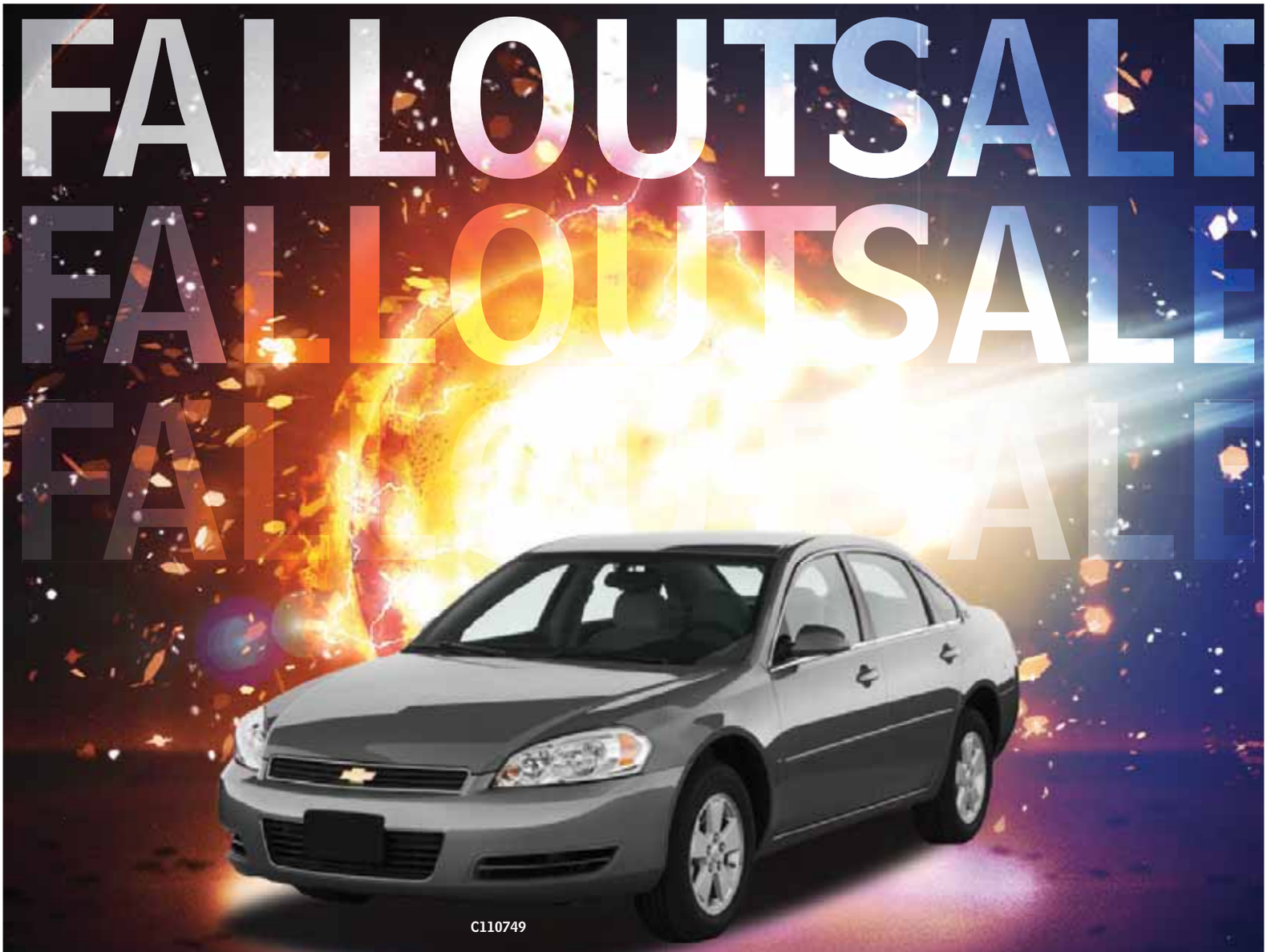

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Gun cache seized at Coutts border

Border police made what they're calling the largest weapons seizure in the history of the Coutts, Alta., crossing on Tuesday.

Officers from Canada Border Services Agency found 75 firearms, including 48 handguns — four of them loaded — while searching a Florida man's vehicle who was bound for Alaska, officials said.

The man, 54, faces 10 charges and more are pending, officials said.

He was turned over to RCMP and is due in Lethbridge court today. METRO

Mid-year changes for LRT reserved parking

Calgary Transit officials plan to have a new reservation system in place at LRT lots by mid-year.

A city committee was also told that plans will proceed to introduce a reduced monthly reservation fee at three lots — McKnight-Westwinds, Franklin and Anderson — where desire for the service has been underwhelming. It has yet to be determined what that rate will be.

This comes after numerous aldermen revisited concerns about the reservation system over the weekend, with at least one suggesting it should be scrapped entirely and the original $3 blanket fee to park at the lots be restored. METRO

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▶ Paula Magdich of Calgary displays some of the food items that participants in a soon-to-be-launched pilot program can toss in their green bins.

Green carts rolling into 4 communities next month

Yearlong pilot project will be conducted in Abbeydale, Brentwood, Cougar Ridge, Southwood ◐ Carts distributed starting week of March 5

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Over the next year, four Calgary communities will help the city determine if and how they will roll out green carts across the entire city.

Early next month, single-family homes in select communities will receive a third cart to add to the existing black and blue carts.

Program development leader Paula Magdich said 83 per cent of Calgarians surveyed wanted a food- and yard-waste diversion program, but some have expressed concern over adding another cart.

"(Residents) have mentioned to us that there is a preference for a smaller green cart, so, in fact, the cart that we are using for the pilot program is half the size of a black or blue cart."

Lindsay Lofthouse, a waste-diversion specialist with the city, will be experiencing the pilot first-hand as a resident of Southwood.

"Most people are really excited about this," she said. "I think it will be really easy."

It's estimated that nearly 60 per cent of household garbage in Calgary is food or yard waste.

There's more

- In addition to the green cart, participants will be given a kitchen pail, compostable bags and paper bags for yard waste.
- More information can be found at calgary.ca/greencart.

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Vacations tend to be about the destination, but the journey is the draw for those at the "ultimate airplane nerd" fantasy camp. Scan code for story.

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Showhome challenge for charity

A Calgary homebuilder is using its newest showhome openings to help raise money and awareness for three Calgary organizations.

Brookfield Homes recently opened three new showhomes in the community of Auburn Bay and they are partnering with the Calgary Homeless Foundation, the Calgary Women's Shelter and the Calgary Food Bank in a charity challenge.

Each of the three new showhomes is associated with one of the above charities and after Calgarians tour through the homes they can vote for their favourite through Brookfield's Facebook page.

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3-wheeler drivers are a lucky few

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▶ Campagna V13R

Three-wheeled vehicles could be rolling down Calgary streets more frequently as a Montreal-based manufacturer begins to market the T-Rex and the V13R in Alberta.

Campagna Motors sales and marketing manager Michel Paquette said that although the exotic-looking vehicles have been approved by Transport Canada since 2006, the provincial government OK'd the car for Alberta roads last summer.

Both roadsters have two tires in the front and one in the back. There are currently four Albertans who own a T-Rex.

"We have a very limited number of vehicles. We produced 108 vehicles last year," said Paquette. "Whomever has the chance to have one will be one of very, very few people to have those vehicles around the world."

Paquette said they are currently working on potential partnerships with dealerships in Calgary who may be looking to sell the T-Rex. KATIE TURNER

Calgary MLA pushing for organ-registry reform

Last year, more than 30 people died in Alberta waiting for an organ

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As the health of her liver deteriorates, Karen Korchinski is inching closer and closer to being placed on the waiting list to receive an organ donation.

Korchinski, an Edmontonian and parent of two young children, has a condition that prevents blood flow from her liver.

"My doctors have told me that the people at the top of the transplant list are the most sick, so if I get to that point, I won't be able to be a parent to my children," she said. "With more transplantable organs available, the situation might be different for me and for others in my situation."

With the help of Calgary-Foothills MLA Len Webber, Korchinski said she hopes the province will move forward with an organ and tissue registry, which could potentially lead to more viable organs being transplanted.

Currently, Webber said the only method to indicate consent of organ donation is by checking a small box on the back of one's Alberta health card.

"It's just shocking," he said. "Over the past five years here in Alberta, 214 people have died just waiting for organ transplants.... It's just not right."

Webber is pushing his provincial colleagues to create a system whereby Albertans can indicate on their medical records whether they want to be organ donors.

With the shift towards electronic medical records, Webber said the process would be simple and cost-effective.

"The sooner, the better. People are waiting for organs," said Webber. "Losing one person is unacceptable."

Family death

- Calgary Ald. Shane Keating is planning to host an event in May to raise awareness for organ donation.
- Keating's niece died while waiting for a double lung transplant in Alberta.
- Jason Letourneau, Keating's former executive assistant, also lived with a heart transplant for years before passing away in January.

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▶ Karen Korchinski and her daughter Mikayla, 4, at their home in Edmonton on Wednesday. Korchinski may soon be added to the organ-donor list to receive a liver.

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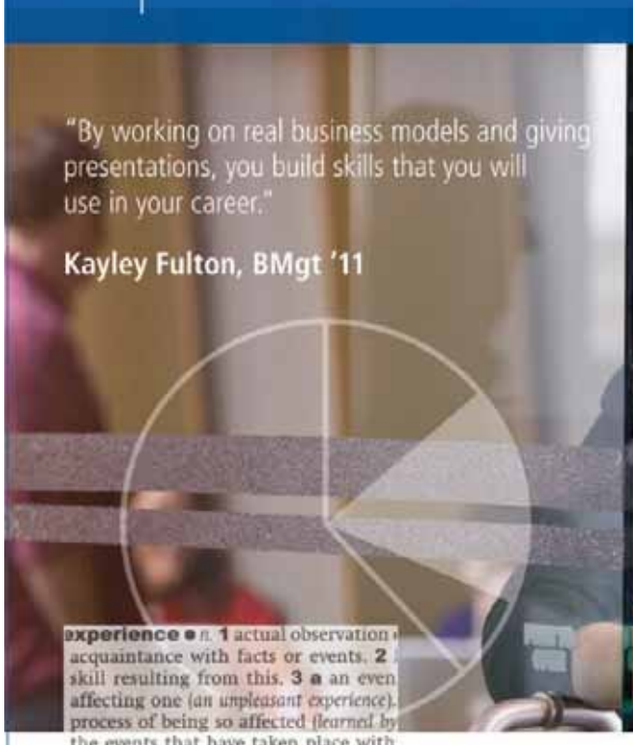

Experience is a top priority for Kayley Fulton.

Real-world experience goes a long way, according to University of Lethbridge alumna Kayley Fulton (BMgt '11).

Coming from Calgary, Kayley was drawn to the small classes and hands-on learning offered by the Faculty of Management. These experiences outside the classroom through exchange and co-op opportunities, ultimately shaping Kayley's future.

She created her own opportunities, both academically and socially, through business case competitions and other extra-curricular activities.

As a major in international management, Kayley spent a semester in Spain and immersed herself in a new culture. She also did two co-op placements in the northern Alberta oil sands, where she worked in the areas of human resources and information systems. As a result, Kayley was prepared to start her career in the energy sector.

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‘The most hated man in hockey’ apologizes

Crown asks that Graham James serve six years
Defence lawyer wants 12-18 month sentence for disgraced coach
Judge reserves decision to March 20

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▶ Graham James walks out of a building connected to the Law Courts with an unidentified woman following his sentencing hearing in Winnipeg on Wednesday.

“The most hated man in hockey” stood in a courtroom Wednesday and apologized for the sexual abuse which shattered the trust of the hockey world and the lives of some of its most promising players.

“I stand before you with regret, a word which has been described as insight that comes one day too late. I also stand before you to apologize,” former junior coach Graham James read from a prepared statement at his sentencing hearing.

“I apologize to the Canadian hockey public, whose interest in the national game should be found in celebration, not trouble like what I’ve caused.”

Former NHLer Sheldon Kennedy, an earlier victim of James’ abuse, rejected the apology.

“It doesn’t mean anything to me,” he said. “Really, Graham James is a liar. He’s been a liar since the day I met him.”

James apologized to the players he coached, whose only motivation was the love of hockey and the desire to win.

“Parents expected their sons to be safe. Not all were. I apologize to the parents and the families of those most personally affected. I knew you. I liked you and I abused the trust you put in me.

“The fault is mine alone.”

He saved the most direct apology for last.

“Finally, and most importantly, I apologize to Theoren Fleury and to Todd Holt, against whom I have offended. I wanted the best for you but I did not give you my best.

“I am deeply sorry. I was wrong.”

James, 59, pleaded guilty in December to sexually abusing Fleury and Holt when they played for him in the Western Hockey League in the 1980s and ’90s. It’s his third time before the courts for similar incidents.

He pleaded guilty to sexual abuse against Kennedy in 1997.

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Revered to reviled

- Attorney Colleen McDuff said James’ players looked up to him because he was highly respected in the hockey world. They also believed — and were told by him — that he could make or break their careers.
- Two of those players, Fleury and his cousin Holt, were teenagers hoping to make it big. Court heard both of their lives were almost destroyed as they struggled with their demons for years before coming forward to police with their accusations.

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News in brief

▶ Education Minister Thomas Lukaszuk

Morinville to get public school

BILL 4. Morinville, St. Albert and Legal students will have access to public education if new legislation passes.

Changes proposed in Bill 4 include expanding the Sturgeon School Division to include Legal and Morinville, creating a new Catholic board and abolishing a Protestant St. Albert board.

A new public school is slated for Morinville by September. METRO

Royal Oak oil wells shelved

COMMUNITY UPROAR. Citing concerns from citizens, oil company Kaiser Exploration has voluntarily suspended plans to build a series of sweet oil wells near Royal Oak. Kaiser made the announcement Wednesday, a few weeks after hundreds of Royal Oak residents packed a town-hall meeting to protest the development. METRO

Worker struck by load of steel

ACCIDENT. Investigators surveyed the scene of an accident Wednesday that saw a load of steel fall and hit a worker. The incident happened in the 5000 block of 53rd Street Southeast. The worker was treated for non-life-threatening injuries. The accident is under investigation. METRO

Missing man sought help with custody battle: Police

▶ Officers fear foul play in young dad's disappearance ▶ Calgary resident also has connections to Irricana, Airdrie, Beiseker and Cochrane

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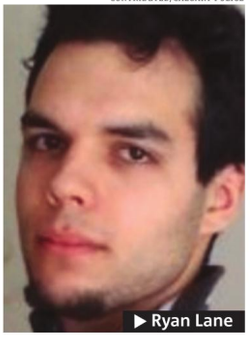
▶ Ryan Lane

Ryan Lane was last seen leaving home on Feb. 7 to meet an unknown person who offered to help him with a longstanding custody battle.

Now, more than two weeks later, police, family and friends are worried that the 24-year-old Calgary resident may have been the victim of foul play.

"Of course, we remain optimistic we'll find him safe, but when you look at the circumstances … this is really out of character for him," said Calgary police spokesperson Kevin Brookwell as investigators issued a plea on Wednesday to anyone with information about the disappearance.

In the days before he vanished, Lane was given a chance to visit his four-year-old daughter, whom he had not seen for years. Police do not necessarily believe the custody conflict is linked to his disappearance but have deemed his mysterious meeting an important point of interest.

Investigators have spoken with one person believed to be the driver of a vehicle under suspicion, but work is ongoing to find the young father, Brookwell said.

Police seek help

- Ryan Lane is described as a Caucasian male, five-foot-nine and 150 pounds, with a slim build. He has brown eyes and hair and a tattoo on his upper-right arm.
- Lane was last seen on Feb. 7 in the 5200 block of Country Hills Boulevard Northwest. Police are seeking information about two vehicles also seen in the area about the same time.
- Police are looking for a red 1996 Jeep Cherokee and a 1998 GMC Sierra.
- Investigators are also specifically asking residents in rural areas around Calgary to check their property and report anything suspicious.

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SCREEN CAPTURE

▶ This screen capture of a video taken by Don Hladiuk shows a fireball, in the top-right corner, streaking above south Calgary.

Fireball seen over Calgary skies

Experts say the incident is similar to one in November 2008 In that instance, meteorite was found at Buzzard Coulee in Saskatchewan

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Dozens of reports have been filed from the Calgary area reporting a fireball streaking through the sky Tuesday night, and many cameras caught the action.

Don Hladiuk, member of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, said he's had a sky camera filming 24-7 for the past eight years or so, and was lucky enough to capture a glimpse of the suspected meteorite on film.

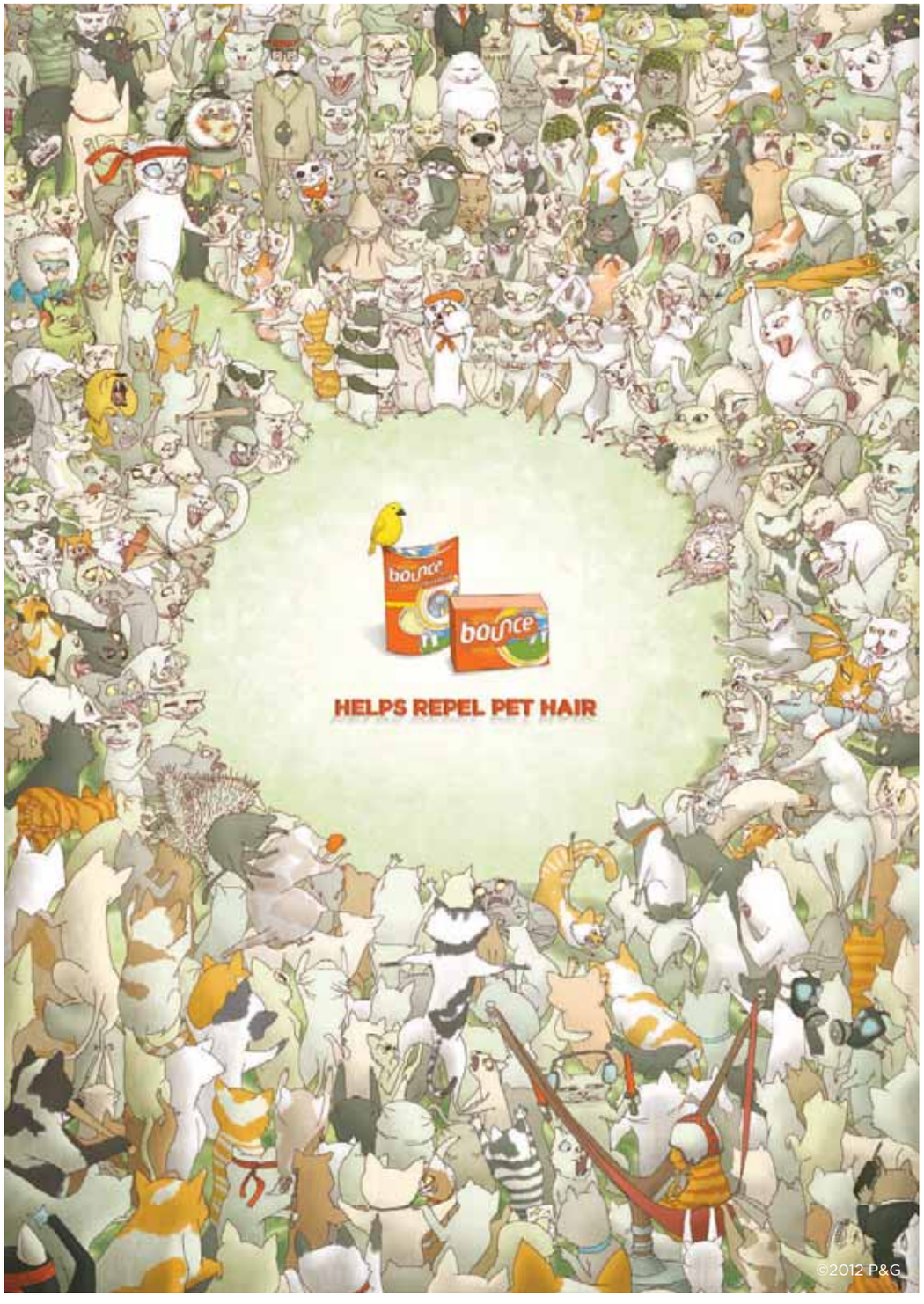
Hladiuk said he got a call from Dr. Alan Hildebrand, a professor in the department of geoscience at the University of Calgary, around 9 p.m. Tuesday.

"I rewound the tape and there was a very bright event, extremely low on the horizon from south Calgary," he said. "The brightness of it was quite startling, knowing that that was several hundred kilometres away and we could still see it in Calgary."

Hildebrand said several cameras set up throughout the Prairies suggest the meteorite landed in Saskatchewan.

"We have enough video to understand it and roughly triangulate it," he said. "It was quite a bright fireball, so I would say the rock was a good size when it came into the atmosphere."

Hildebrand said residents in Rockhaven and North Battleford, Sask., reported hearing the sound of the meteorite hitting the ground.



Young offenders unveil art gallery

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Artistic ability will be on display at a Calgary gallery Thursday, but the creators themselves remain locked away.

$7K Students at West View School have already raised roughly $7,000 through Project Africa initiatives.

As part of their goal to raise $20,000 to build a school in Sierra Leone, students at West View School inside the Calgary Young Offenders Centre have spent months perfecting paintings, poems, cards and various other installations.

"It has been really positive to have them come together and work on something to give away to the community, and to give a piece of themselves to the community as well.... A few of the pieces are very personal," said Tahra Chaudhary, a teacher at West View and leader of the fundraising initiative, dubbed Project Africa.

Convicts staying at the Calgary Remand Centre and Edmonton Young Offender Centre also submitted pieces for the gallery. Items will be auctioned off from 6 to 8 p.m. on the second floor of Mount Royal University's Bissett School of Business.

"It's important to raise these funds but it's also important to connect with the community in general," Chaudhary said.

For more information, contact West View school at 403-662-3547.

News in brief

Domestic standoff ends peacefully

SCENIC ACRES. Police were able to resolve a tense standoff without incident in a northwest Calgary community Wednesday.

Members arrived at a Scenic Acres home around 4 a.m. amid reports a person involved previously in firearms-related offences was inside a home, allegedly involved in a domestic dispute. Two children were inside the home at the time.

Roughly four hours later, a middle-aged man came outside and surrendered to police. Charges are pending. METRO

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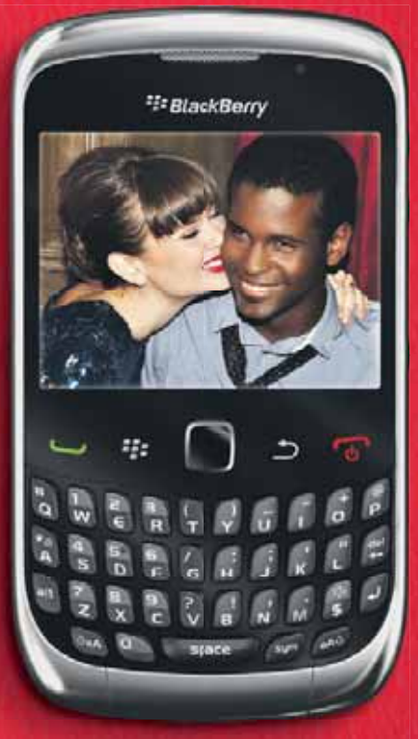

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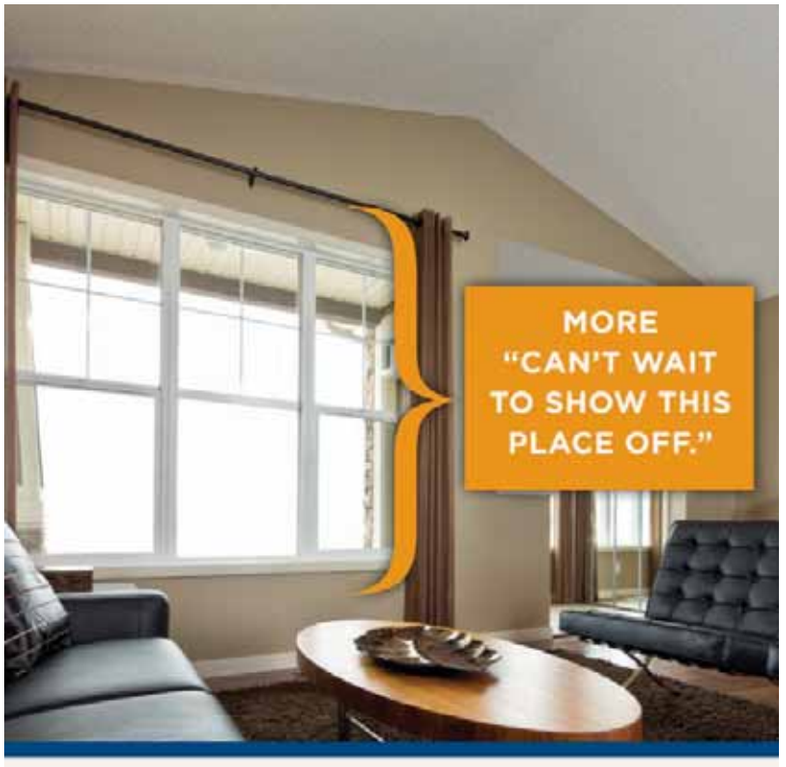

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Shelling in Syria kills two Western journalists

- **Deaths condemned globally, situation to be assessed**
- **Foreign media being smuggled into country illegally**

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▶ Marie Colvin in a photo held by her mother.

Syrian gunners pounded an opposition stronghold where the last dispatches from a veteran American-born war correspondent chronicled the suffering of civilians caught in the relentless shelling. An intense morning barrage killed her and a French photojournalist — two of 74 deaths reported Wednesday in Syria.

"I watched a little baby die today," Marie Colvin told the BBC on Tuesday from the embattled city of Homs. "Absolutely horrific, a two-year-old child had been hit," added Colvin, a veteran foreign correspondent for Britain's Sunday Times.

Colvin, 56, and photographer Remi Ochlik, 28, were among a group of journalists who had crossed into Syria and were sharing accommodations with activists, raising speculation that government forces targeted the makeshift media centre, although opposition groups had previously described the shelling as indiscriminate. At least two other Western journalists — French reporter Edith Bouvier of Le Figaro and British photographer Paul Conroy of the Sunday Times — were wounded.

Activist Omar Shaker said the journalists were killed when several rockets

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▶ Remi Ochlik

hit a garden of the house in the besieged neighbourhood of Baba Amr at around 10 a.m.

Hundreds of people have died in weeks of siege-style attacks on Homs that have come to symbolize the desperation and defiance of the 11-month-old uprising against President Bashar Assad. The bloodshed brought some of the most galvanizing calls for the end of Assad's rule.

"That's enough now. The regime must go," said French President Nicolas Sarkozy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Firemen rescue wounded passengers from a commuter train after a collision in Buenos Aires on Wednesday.

49 KILLED IN RUSH-HOUR ARGENTINA TRAIN ACCIDENT

The first two cars were packed as usual for the morning rush, so tightly that people stood sandwiched between bicycles and the few seats.

This train didn't lurch, though. It had trouble stopping at all, overshooting platform after platform and missing at least one station entirely.

The train didn't come to a halt until it had slammed into a metal barrier at Buenos Aires' Once station. With more than 1,200 people on board, the momentum was devastating. Forty-nine people were killed and 600 were injured.

Windows exploded and the first cars were a jumble of glass, metal, plastic and bodies.

The cause wasn't immediately determined, but many pointed to a deteriorating rail system and train cars that lack modern equipment and safety measures. Passengers said the conductor appeared to be struggling with the brakes. The dead included 48 adults and one child - most of whom had crowded into the first two cars. The injured included 461 who were hospitalized, Transportation Secretary J.P. Schiavi said.

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Eight bodies found on deck of Costa Concordia

Divers searching the capsized Costa Concordia cruise ship off a Tuscan island found eight bodies Wednesday on one of the passenger decks, including that of a missing 5-year-old Italian girl, authorities said.

Italy's national civil protection agency, which is monitoring the operation, said three of the bodies were recovered a few hours after being spotted by fire department divers. It said they are those of a woman, a girl and a man. Because of worsening weather, the divers were not able to immediately remove the other five bodies.

The bodies were being transferred to a hospital on the mainland for identification, a process which could take days. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

32
is the death toll on the capsized Costa Concordia, including bodies recovered and the missing, who are presumed dead.

Will this man live or die?

The only Canadian on death row launches a U.S. bid for clemency

The clock is ticking down toward a decision on whether Ronald Smith lives or dies.

The only Canadian on death row in the United States is expressing regret and sadness for the crimes he committed and the situation he finds himself in.

But Smith is also angry at the Canadian government for its "tepid" support of his clemency bid — support that came only after Federal Court forced it to act on his behalf.

"Am I that horrible a person that you have to be forced to act like a human being?" Smith said at Montana State Prison — his home for the last 30 years.

Smith, from Red Deer, has been on death row since 1982.

A drug-addicted drifter back then, Smith and an accomplice, both high on LSD and booze, marched two men into the woods near East Glacier, Mont., and shot them in the head.

Smith said he shot the men just to know how it felt to take a life and because he wanted to steal their car.

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▶ Ronald Smith's appeal options have run out. Now it's up to officials to determine whether his life should be spared.

Smith asked for and received a death sentence, but later changed his mind.

His legal avenues of appeal have all run out and the Montana Board of Pardons and Parole has scheduled a hearing in May, after which it will make a recommendation on whether he should be spared.

The final decision will fall to Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer.

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CHILD MOLESTER

Nabbed ... after decade on the lam

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▶ Dyer

A convicted child molester who has been on the run from U.S. authorities for a decade has been captured in Canada.

Steven Dyer is wanted after failing to show up for a court appearance.

He was convicted in 2002 on 13 counts of child molestation and faces a minimum term of 169 years behind bars.

Border agents nabbed him at Montreal's Trudeau airport as he returned from Venezuela on Tuesday. He was living in Vancouver.

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Sentencing law wrong: U.S. lawyer

A lawyer who helped U.S. politicians write mandatory minimum-sentencing laws has a warning for Canada.

Long jail terms for minor drug offences have been a mistake in the U.S. and won't work in Canada, says Eric Sterling.

Sterling is one of 28 current and former law-enforcement officials in the U.S. who have written to Canadian senators, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the premiers.

They take issue with Bill C-10 — currently being studied in the Senate — which includes mandatory minimum sentences for drug offences.

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LEADERSHIP FIGHT

UNIONS STILL WIELD CLOUT IN THE NDP

Trade unions remain a force to contend with in the NDP leadership contest, even though they've been stripped of their financial clout.

They provide candidates with access to their thousands of members and lend them organizational muscle.

They also bring moral suasion to bear on party members who still cherish the NDP's traditional ties to unions — founding partners in the party 51 years ago.

Endorsements from unions are coveted by leadership hopefuls.

So far, those endorsements have been spread fairly evenly among four contenders: Brian Topp, Peggy Nash, Thomas Mulcair and Paul Dewar.

In 2003, unions were legally barred from donating money to political parties, including leadership candidates.

And that's the last time the NDP held a leadership contest in which affiliated labour unions were guaranteed 25 per cent of the vote.

There is no reserved labour share of the vote in this contest, to be decided by a strict one-member-one-vote system. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"You're hopeful your membership will follow the leadership of the union ... but you have no assurances."
KEN NEUMANN,
UNITED STEELWORKERS CHIEF

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▶ Maid of the Mist riders wear blue plastic ponchos as they view the wonder of the Falls.

Maid of the Mist sailing away

Niagara Falls icon loses contract U.S.-based firm wins 30-year deal

One of the largest tourist draws in Niagara Falls may not be open this year.

After 165 years, the Maid of the Mist Steamboat Co. has lost the contract to operate boats there.

The Niagara Parks Commission said Wednesday it has awarded a 30-year deal for boat-tour operations in the Niagara Gorge to Hornblower Canada, a California-based company.

But the Hornblower service isn't scheduled to begin until the spring of 2014.

And the Maid of the Mist company isn't sure it can stay in business for this summer's tourist season.

"As a result of this decision, our business, with a 165-year history of service to tourists from around the world, may soon come to an end," said company president Christopher Glynn.
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A new course

- The Maid of the Mist got an untendered 25-year contract extension in 2008.
- But Ontario's Liberal cabinet ordered the commission to open the tour boats to competitive bidding in 2009.

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▶ Bud Lindsay hands out bumper stickers during a campaign stop for Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum.

Rick Santorum placed on proverbial hot seat at Republican debate

◗ Candidate fends off attacks from Romney, Paul during debate ◗ National polls place Santorum ahead in race

There was no clear winner, no knockout punches and no damaging gaffes on Wednesday night in the latest Republican presidential debate — possibly the final such showdown of a topsy-turvy primary season that has seen front-runners and momentum ebb and flow on an almost daily basis.

Only four men remained standing in the 20th debate of the race, and the stakes were high in advance of state primaries being held in the delegate-rich states of Michigan and Arizona on Tuesday.

The latest candidate atop national polls, Rick Santorum, was on the hot seat in Mesa, Ariz., often appearing peeved as he fended off attacks from Mitt Romney and Ron Paul, in particular. The former Massachusetts governor and the libertarian congressman have reportedly formed a behind-the-scenes alliance.

"Because he's a fake," Paul answered cheerfully when asked by the debate's moderator, CNN's John King, why his campaign released an ad in Michigan this week calling Santorum a fake conservative.

Paul assailed Santorum, a former Pennsylvania senator, for portraying himself as a fiscal conservative when, while in Congress, he voted to raise the debt ceiling five times.

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THIN MINTS ANYONE?

Lawmaker stands by Girl-Scout criticism

Undaunted by ridicule from the leader of his own party, an Indiana lawmaker is standing by his allegations that the Girl Scouts is a radical organization that promotes abortions and homosexuality.

The Scouts and Planned Parenthood have dismissed Rep. Bob Morris' comments as absurd, as did Brian Bosma, the Republican Speaker of Indiana's House of Representatives. But Morris, also a Republican, told The Associated Press his critics need to do more research into the 100-year-old organization.

"My family and I took a view and we're sticking by it," Morris said Tuesday, adding that his daughters were joining an alternative group for young girls run by conservative Christians. "My girls are no longer Girl Scouts. They're now going to join American Heritage Girls."

Morris' comments were the butt of jokes inside the House on Tuesday, with Bosma spending much of the day handing out Thin Mints to lawmakers. He joked that Morris' comments led him to buy hundreds of cases of the famous Girl Scout cookies.

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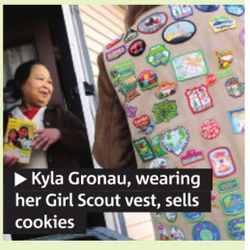

▶ Kyla Gronau, wearing her Girl Scout vest, sells cookies

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Big world in front of smallest man

- 72-year-old Nepal man may be the world's shortest
- Makes first trip outside village to be measured

He has never worked outside the home or seen a doctor, and until Wednesday he had never left his remote mountain village in western Nepal. So 72-year-old Chandra Bahadur Dangi only recently learned he might be the world's shortest man.

Dangi says he's only 56 centimetres tall — about the size of a toddler — and he's hoping to claim the title. Guinness World Records said in an email Wednesday that its officials would arrive in Nepal's capital Sunday to measure Dangi.

Dangi took his first trip outside his village and his first trip on a plane to reach Kathmandu on Wednesday.

"I am very happy to be in Kathmandu for the first time in my life. I am here so I can take the Guinness title."
CHANDRA BAHADUR DANGI TOLD REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT

Dangi, who has never been married, lives with his eldest brother and his family in Rhimkholi village, about 400 kilometres west of Kathmandu. Because of his height, he has never worked outside the house, doing only household chores. His five brothers are of average size.

His family is not sure when he stopped growing, and Dangi said he has never been checked by a medical doctor. He attended a few classes in the village school but soon dropped out.

Dangi eats mainly rice and vegetables, and occasionally meat, but in small portions.

Since the village is so remote, it was only recently that Dangi gained notice. A forest contractor cutting timber in the village met him and informed local media after Dangi's height was measured.

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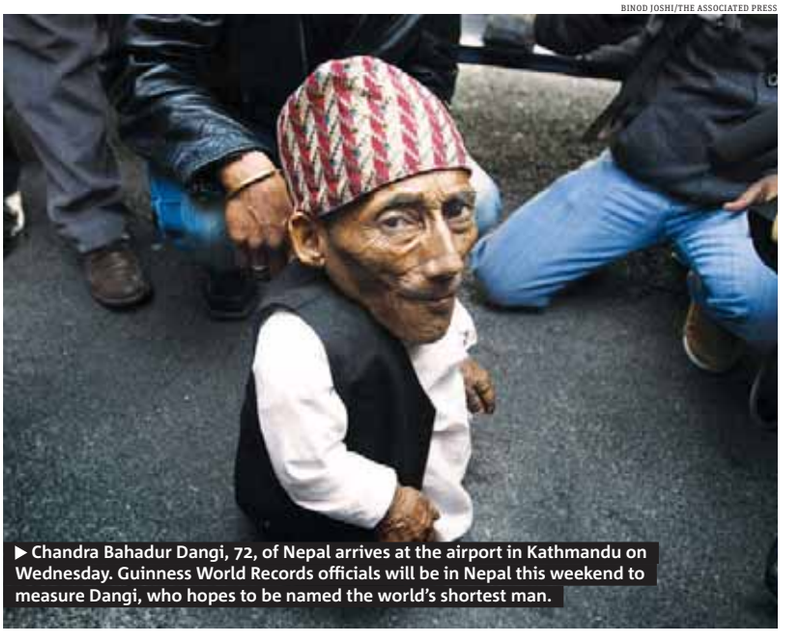

▶ Chandra Bahadur Dangi, 72, of Nepal arrives at the airport in Kathmandu on Wednesday. Guinness World Records officials will be in Nepal this weekend to measure Dangi, who hopes to be named the world's shortest man.

The big winner

- Guinness currently recognizes Junrey Balawing of the Philippines, who is 60 centimetres tall.
- Another Nepalese man, Khagendra Thapa Magar, was known as the world's shortest man, at 67 centimetres, before Balawing took over the title on his 18th birthday in June.
- In December, Guinness recognized an Indian teenager as the world's shortest woman. Jyoti Amge is 62.8 centimetres tall and wants to attend university and become a Bollywood star.

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Mubarak's fate to be decided in June

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▶ Mubarak protester

An Egyptian judge on Wednesday set June 2 as the date for the verdict and sentencing in the trial of ousted President Hosni Mubarak, which could put the man who spent nearly 30 years as one of the Arab world's key strongmen on death row.

Mubarak is accused of complicity in the killing of protesters during the 18-day popular uprising that pushed him from power in February of last year. More than 800 people were killed during the uprising, many of them demonstrators shot dead by security forces.

A guilty verdict would make Mubarak the first leader ousted during the Arab Spring uprisings to face legal punishment by his own people.

A ruling of not guilty — a distinct possibility — could set off new a new round of unrest.

Egyptians have closely followed the seven-month-long case, and many accuse the council of ruling army generals who took power when Mubarak stepped down of dragging out the proceedings.

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▶ An Afghan protester holds a Qur'an on Wednesday as he shouts slogans during an anti-U.S. demonstration in Jalalabad, east of Kabul.

Qur'an riots leave at least 7 dead

▶ [illegible] burning of Muslim holy book ▶ Top officials apologize, call for talks

Clashes between Afghan troops and protesters angry over the burning of Muslim holy books at a U.S. military base left at least seven people dead and dozens wounded Wednesday as anger spread, despite U.S. apologies over what it said was a mistake.

The demonstrations across four eastern provinces illustrated the intensity of Afghans' anger at what they saw as foreign forces flouting their laws and insulting their culture.

The violence was also a reminder of how easily Afghan-U.S. relations can deteriorate, as the two countries work to forge a long-term partnership ahead of the withdrawal of foreign forces in 2014.

The unrest started Tuesday when Afghan workers at the main American military base, Bagram Air Field, saw soldiers dumping books in a pit where garbage is burned and noticed Qur'ans and other religious material among the trash.

The top U.S. and NATO commander, Gen. John Allen, quickly issued an apology and telephoned President Hamid Karzai and major news organizations to explain that a collection of religious materials, including Qur'ans, had been mistakenly sent to be incinerated. Four copies of the Qur'an were burned before the incineration was halted, according to initial Afghan government reports.

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By the numbers

- **In Kabul,** about 2,000 people massed outside a heavily guarded housing complex for foreigners, chanting "Death to America!" as they hurled rocks at the compound's reinforced walls and set a fuel truck ablaze.
- **The country's** council of Muslim clerics called the apologies from U.S. authorities insufficient and said military officials should punish those responsible.
- **The demonstrations** prompted the U.S. to lock down its embassy and bar its staff from travelling.

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Canadians expect to work past age 66: Poll

Nearly half of respondents to Sun Life survey said they are worried about having debt in retirement

As Canadians live longer and face tougher financial choices in their golden years, fewer than a third of respondents in a recent survey said they plan to be fully retired by 66.

Sun Life Financial's annual Unretirement Index poll, released early Wednesday, found that only about three in 10 Canadians surveyed said they plan full retirement at that age.

And the average expected age of retirement now hovers at 68 — up from 66 just last year.

"That's a fairly short space of time for an attitude change of that degree," said Kevin Dougherty, president of Sun Life Financial Canada.

The poll results from Canada's third-biggest insurance company reflect what other public opinion surveys have shown for a while — that the concept of Freedom 55 is a thing of the past.

"These results are not surprising given the current economic volatility, increasing consumer debt loads, rising health-care costs, longer life expectancy and lack of planning. We're also finding that some Canadians believe they'll have to work longer to be able to pay for basic living expenses," said Dougherty.

The retirement issue is coming to the fore as baby boomers are set to retire in the coming years, leaving fewer employees to pay into benefit plans and more drawing from them.

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Twitter. Talk

▶ Twitter co-founder Biz Stone speaks to the Board of Trade in Montreal on Wednesday.

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Tear yourself away from tweets: Stone

Twitter co-founder Christopher Isaac "Biz" Stone has a message for those followers who stare at their tweet feeds for hours on end: it's not healthy. He told a Montreal business audience even he is amazed by the influence of Twitter, which the founders initially thought would just be used for fun.

Parka maker sues for logo infringment

A well-known outerwear manufacturer is suing a retailer over trademark infringement, accusing it of making shoddy replicas of the distinctive Canada Goose parkas.

It's alleged in the lawsuit that International Clothiers Inc. has intentionally designed a logo to mimic the Canada Goose Arctic Program design trademark,

Canada Goose Inc. filed a statement of claim late last month asking the Federal Court to stop International Clothiers from using its Canada Weather Gear and Super Triple Goose logos, "or any confusingly similar mark." That circular logo is what distinguishes a Canada Goose jacket from others, the company says.

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Microsoft files complaint against Motorola

Microsoft lodged a formal complaint on Wednesday with the European Union's competition regulator against Motorola Mobility and its soon-to-be owner Google, saying Motorola's aggressive enforcement of patent rights against rivals breaks competition rules.

Motorola is in the process of being taken over by Google for $12.5 billion US, the biggest acquisition in the Californian company's history.

Microsoft fears that Google will continue Motorola's tight hold on key patents.

A spokesman for Google said that the company had not seen the Microsoft complaint.

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Cherie Blair to sue over phone hacking

The wife of former British prime minister Tony Blair is suing Rupert Murdoch's British newspaper company over phone hacking, her lawyer said Wednesday.

Cherie Blair is suing "in relation to the unlawful interception of her voicemails," lawyer Graham Atkins said in an email, making her one of the most high-profile people to have challenged Murdoch's News International over the illegal eavesdropping campaign waged against those in the public eye.

There had been earlier speculation about the possibility that Cherie Blair's phone had been hacked. Tony Blair's former spokesman, Alastair Campbell, has long wondered aloud about how the 1999 story of her pregnancy was obtained by the Daily Mirror.

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▶ Cherie Blair

Millions have been paid out by Murdoch's company so far in out-of-court settlements to about 60 victims of hacking.

Details of Cherie Blair's claim were not immediately made public Wednesday. Atkins said he would not be commenting further on the case.

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As someone who considers himself on the cutting edge of technology, I recently began using a website known as Twitter. Have you heard of it?

I've spent my entire life missing out completely on trends — MySpace, The Thong Song, OxyContin — so my late arrival to the still-flourishing site has been a real revelation (the good kind, not the end-times, Santorum kind).

Well, my stars. Twitter is like a million sites combined!

It's a sports site that lets me learn about false hockey trades from teenagers who have no higher goal in life than to pose as Bob McKenzie.

It's a journalism site that allows me to read a breaking news headline 87 times in rapid succession.

"I myself have about 50 followers as I write this and, here's the exciting part, 43 of them I have never met before because they are too busy with their adult entertainment business."

It's an entertainment site that has me waiting on pins and needles for that Charlie Sheen pocket tweet which will let me know once and for all that he has collapsed and died.

And it's a community.

The site is positively packed with tweeters who will take the time out of their busy day to insult strangers they disagree with when they could have simply moved on. It's rare to see people go the extra mile like that.

I myself have about 50 followers as I write this and — here's the exciting part — 43 of them I have never met before because they are too busy with their adult-entertainment business. As soon as I joined, I was swarmed with new friends with names like Sexy McXXX and Sarah TryMyWebsite!, which I assume is Polish.

With its intrinsic goal of adding as many followers as possible, Twitter is a bit of a drug. The notifications button on Facebook is only a mild buzz compared to the straight-heroin injection of getting new Twitter followers.

I never dream about work, but the first day I started using Twitter I dreamt about it. Specifically, I dreamt I was super-excited because Lenny from The Simpsons followed me.

Here's the honest truth: I find the site oddly intimidating. Because, unlike Facebook, which pushes everyone toward a sort of echo-chamber conformity, Twitter is really whatever you make it.

It can be a huge knowledge resource, an insight into the famous and powerful, and a promotional tool. Or it can be a site that you use for cheap factoids, a reality-TV buzz and to avoid working.

So will I be a Twitterati or just a Twit? I'll be following myself with interest.

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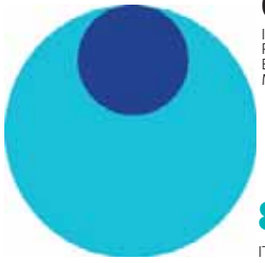
What do you think of the government's new online-surveillance legislation?



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Local tweets

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- **@KyleBakx:** Oil well in the NW area of Royal Oak is temporarily shelved #yyc
- **@tavisford:** #yyccc billing citizns 4 avoidble cost of harassing legitimate protest regretble.#occupy #yyc is respnse 2 gr8r theft of economic wellbeing
- **@carkua:** Hello #YYC! Oh, your lands are so brown. #imissvancouver
- **@cotecote5:** I'm seriously considering joining a touch football league this year! #YYC #football anybody know know a team that needs a sweet newbie/sub?
- **@dannyskookchic:** How did it get so cold and windy it was sunny today. What's up with that Calgary? #yyc
- **@BlaineZimmer:** Has anyone else in. #yyc had a headache since... Boxing day? Possibly chinook related? Or zombie brain.
- **@Jaymii_Lynn:** Well..the weather WAS nice out..what the hell Calgary. #YYC #cold

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Kevin Costner come to mind?

Not only seen in the movies

For a while, they called it "Kevin" after actor Kevin Costner, who starred in the 1995 flick Waterworld.

The name didn't stick, even in the mind of Zachory Berta, the Harvard University grad student who discovered the planet. "Planet Kevin" is called GJ1214b. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

"GJ1214b is like no planet we know of. A huge fraction of its mass is made up of water."
ZACHORY BERTA

GJ1214b facts

- **Planet of hot, hot water.** It orbits a red-dwarf star at a distance of just two million kilometres, meaning temperatures on the planet are above 200 C.
- **'Super Earth.'** It's about 2.7 times the Earth's diameter and almost seven times its weight.

Experts discover 'water world'

SPACE. For years, water worlds have been the stuff of space sci-fi; now they're reality. Experts have revealed that the planet GJ1214b is a new classification of celestial body: a mix of water and high temperatures that could help host alien life. Other planetary types are: rocky (Earth), gas (Jupiter) and ice (Uranus). **MWN**

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GJ1214b is 40 light years from Earth. It's believed GJ1214b formed farther out from its star, where water ice was plentiful, and migrated inward early in the system's history, thus passing through the star's "habitable zone."

Telescope helps clear the haze

DISCOVERY. Analysis of the watery planet in 2010 suggested that it was simply covered by a "haze," similar to that surrounding Saturn's moon Titan. But the latest results from NASA's Hubble Space Telescope show that it more likely has a thick atmosphere of water vapour. This "super-Earth" was first discovered in 2009. **MWN**

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Justin Bieber

He's only 17, but pop sensation Justin Bieber is back with his second book. HarperCollins announced Tuesday that it will publish Justin Bieber: Just Getting Started. The book is described as "the second official photographic book" from the multiplatinum-selling superstar. The company says it will be released worldwide in September.

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Adele caps a momentous year, Ed Sheeran breaks out at UK music's Brit Awards

Keeping the boat rocking

Ship & Anchor Pub open mic jam shaking things up **Looking to blend the old with new**

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LISA WILTON
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The Ship & Anchor Pub has hosted the city's finest folk singers, roots acts and rockabilly bands at its weekly Open Stage Jam.

At 20 years, it's one of Calgary's longest-running and most popular open mic events. But that's not stopping the jam's current MC, Darren Ollinger, from shaking things up.

"I'm not trying to change it so to speak," says the man in charge of keeping the jam on schedule and egos in check.

"But I guess it has a reputation for being this old-timer hippie jam. There's nothing wrong with that, but I'm trying to encourage younger players to come out."

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▶ Ship & Anchor Open Mic Jam runs from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturdays. Headliners perform from 2 p.m. until 2:45 and 5:30 until 6 p.m.

Details

Show details

- **Event** Musicians can sign up for the jam starting at 2 p.m. There are about eight spots available each week, and they fill up quickly.
- **Special show** The Feb. 25 jam is a special Johnny Cash Tribute featuring Mike Fury and Buzz Elroy & His Hayseed Rockets. On March 25, winners of the New Black's Youth Talent Contest will take over the jam.

One recent Ship jam brought out local indie heavyweights Zoo Lion (who opened for Bon Jovi at the Saddledome in 2010) and Dan Vacon of The Dudes, as well as a first-time performer who'd been writing songs for two decades but had never set foot on a stage.

"There are always people trying it out for the first time," says Ollinger, who is also co-founder of The New Black Music and Art Centre in Inglewood. "It really integrates musicians. The next time they run into someone on the street they're like, 'Oh, I played with that person at the jam.'"

Ollinger is hoping to attract musicians of all stripes to the jam, and says he's already seen some pretty unique acts since he started MCing the open stage in October.

"I had two flautists in the room at the same time so I coerced them into have a flute-off," he says. "Most people who play the jam are open to that kind of thing. They're talented enough that they can work with it."

Ollinger says so far the older regulars have been open to the influx of young talent.

"The younger artists are blown away by the talent of the older players too," he explains. "It's kind of blending two worlds together, which is pretty cool."

Jill Hennessy pulling for Plummer

The Canadian Press has been asking entertainment personalities to share their thoughts on Sunday's Academy Awards. Today, Canadian actress Jill Hennessy talks about her favourite film of the year and the fellow Canuck she's rooting for.

"I loved The Descendants, I think Alexander Payne is just a brilliant writer/director and that film is just so easy to relate to," says Hennessy. "Everybody is so good but ... the boyfriend (Nick Krause) who I didn't hear much about in the press was unbelievable, what a subtle, beautiful performance."

"I've only seen scenes from that film but he's glorious and in a way I've never seen him." JILL HENNESSY

She's hoping to see Canadian thespian Christopher Plummer win the best supporting actor Oscar for his role in Beginners. Plummer plays a dying widower who reveals to his son (Ewan McGregor) that he's gay.

"He deserves it, I've only seen scenes from that film but he's glorious and in a way I've never seen him," Hennessy says.

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▶ Jill Hennessy

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▶ Christopher Plummer

Aniston's escape

In Wanderlust, Jennifer Aniston runs away from modern life How she got in touch with her hippie side

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Jennifer Aniston's character in Wanderlust runs away from the modern life she and her husband (played by Paul Rudd) share to live in a Utopian, free-love commune in rural Georgia, and the actress admits the impulse to disappear isn't all that unfamiliar.

"Every day, yes," she says of feeling that way. "I mean, for me, going to Clarksville [Georgia] and shooting this movie was a version of that, honestly, because there were no paparazzi and there was no secret little tricky cellphone pictures being taken. It was just this great community and these amazing people."

Maybe getting into the hippie spirit of the film's premise helped, but Aniston says she ended up learning a lot about herself just by the change of environment. "For me, I really realized how walled I was, and not consciously so, but just this armour that I kind of have, protective armour from — not my friends or people in my family, but just being outside in the world, always on guard or whatever," she says. "There's just this sigh of relief after week one just knowing, oh this is like John Travolta in the Boy in the Bubble. It was like, riding on a horse, out of the bubble!"

The image she's conjured reduces her to a fit of laughter, but there was a serious sense of self-improvement for Aniston to take away from the Wanderlust production. "It was special, it was really special ... to kind of get back in touch with that part of myself and that anonymity," she says. "I really made a conscious effort to know, 'Don't wall up like that.' I think you kind of miss out on a lot of stuff if you're so protected and isolated, in a way."

Other career choices

What would the Wanderlust star be doing if she wanted to run away from acting? "Well, there was the period where I wanted to be a therapist if the acting thing didn't work," she says. "I was always the girl that people would come to and talk about their problems. Still am."

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▶ Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston star in Wanderlust.

Wain talks free lovin'

With Wanderlust, director and co-writer David Wain sends a pair of Manhattanites down the communal living rabbit hole as they decide to move into an "intentional living" community led by a cult-ish womanizer (Justin Theroux). Metro chatted with Wain about the film.

Why do you think hippies continue to be such a great source for comedy?
We all have sort of a fantasy of being that, you know? We all think like, what if we could just walk away from conventional life — and just relax and focus on enjoying every moment instead of doing whatever the f— we do.

You're dealing with a good deal of sexual humour. How much do you worry about ratings and the MPAA?
Well, with Rated R you can do most anything, and usually if it's going to be too hard for an R then it's not that interesting to me. I don't necessarily want to show. I guess basically the other answer is I've never had an issue with them. All four movies I've done have been rated R, and ... none of them have come back and said, "Take something out." NED EHRBAR

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Perry's Good Deeds

Tyler Perry talks about following his dream ▶ His latest project? Trying to make films more multicultural

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Tyler Perry is no stranger to directing himself on screen, but his latest film, Good Deeds, marks his first leading role.

Perry — who of course wrote, directed and produced the film as well — stars as Wesley Deeds, a wealthy business owner who strays from his straight-and-narrow path to aid a homeless single mother played by Thandie Newton. "I was just looking at my own life and asked myself what if I had done what other people wanted me to do?" Perry tells Metro of his inspiration for the story.

"Like my mother wanted me to work at the phone company. What if I had done that instead of following my own dream, my own heart?"

Good Deeds is the first time you've put yourself in the lead of one of your more dramatic films.

At the beginning of it, it was very scary because I've never felt this exposed before. I usually like to have a costume to hide behind, somewhere to hide. The character I play is kind of so close to me and my life, as far as running my own business and some of the things that he endured, so it was pretty scary. Because I prefer, as I said, to just have something else to hide behind. But the first week into it, I was like, "You know what, this is going to be great." I started to relax and enjoy it.

You have I, Alex Cross coming up, a gig where you're only acting and not writing or directing.

I'll tell you, the toughest part of that is that I hate the downtime. The downtime is ridiculous, it is ridiculous. But I learned very quickly that this is what it is. You sit in the trailer for 12 hours. You're being paid to sit there, so shut your mouth and sit there. Well for me, I used the time. I wrote three movies while I was on that.

What do you think about studios still being averse to backing films with predominantly African-American casts?

I think George Lucas can speak to it better because I think he clearly got an education in it [with Red Tails] and I think it was clearly shocking to him that it was so difficult. I don't think it's about racism as much as it's about money. And a lot of films being made these days are dependent on international money and box offices, and it's been reported — but never proven — that films with all-black stars, besides Will and Denzel, don't do well abroad. Now the big issue with that is that nobody's trying. Nobody's trying to help cultivate an audience. I know I have a huge following in Australia and the U.K. and Africa and the Netherlands, but I haven't found the partner to try and help build that audience.

But that's something you're actively looking to do?

Absolutely. The stories that I'm telling are relevant to anyone. It would be fantastic for people to start to really understand that we all have stories to tell and we all have stories of interest to anyone around the world.

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▶ Tyler Perry tests his acting chops in a dramatic role in Good Deeds.

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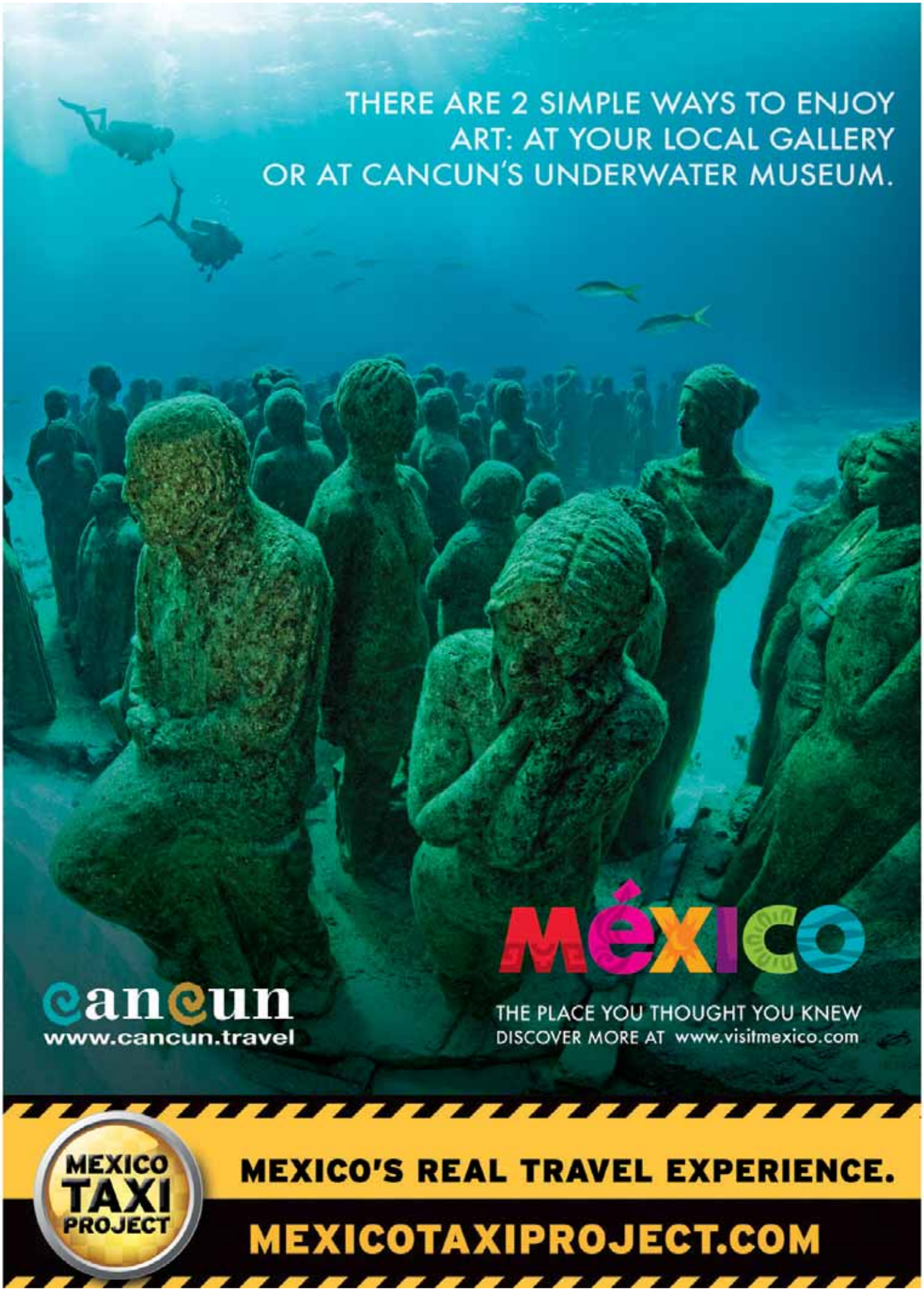
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Lindsay Lohan

Lohan's career back on track?

It's been a good week for Lindsay Lohan, career-wise.

First, it was announced she'll be hosting Saturday Night Live again on March 3, and now sources say that the troubled actress has been confirmed to play Elizabeth Taylor in a Lifetime television movie about the screen icon, according to Hollyscoop.

The film, Liz and Dick, will focus on Taylor's relationship with Richard Burton.

A source says that as long as Lindsay stays out of trouble and fulfills all the obligations of her probation, the job is hers.

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His lips are sealed

Adam Levine refuses to dish dirt on Aguilera

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In an interview on The Howard Stern Show on Tuesday, The Voice coach Adam Levine proved himself to be smart about a few topics.

Stern tried to get Levine to gossip about fellow mentor/judge Christina Aguilera's recent weight gain.

"Why do you think she's gotten so heavy? Is she upset?" Stern prodded.

"She used to be so (expletive) hot ... And her clothes are too tight, right?" the shock jock continued.

"When you're a plus-size woman, you can't wear the tight clothes anymore."

Levine responded diplomatically, stating: "I wouldn't go that far, actually."

And when Stern pushed the point, asking what size Aguilera is, the musician-turned-reality star wisely shut Stern down: "I'm keeping my (expletive) mouth shut."

Smart of him, right? Then the topic veered to Levine's Russian model girlfriend, Anne V.

"This is the longest, most functional relationship I've ever been in, I don't want to screw it up," he said.

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▶ Adam Levine with girlfriend Anne V.

Update on Houston's drug intake

A new report looks to confirm that Whitney Houston's death earlier this month was caused by a mixture of alcohol and prescription drugs, according to Radar Online.

"Whitney had taken Valium, Xanax and alcohol, which led to her death. The coroner is waiting on final toxicology results to determine which one of the three was the major contributing factor of her demise," a source says.

"The coroner will be closely examining Whitney's blood alcohol content at the time she died as well. The sedatives and alcohol will almost certainly be the cause of death, and not drowning. Her heart stopped beating because her respiratory system was suppressed because of the anti-anxiety meds, and combined with the booze it probably happened very quickly before she was found partially submerged in the bathtub."

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▶ Whitney Houston

Celebrity tweets

I want a million followers. That's all. That's 5% of what @LadyGaga has.

@alecbaldwin

@JerrySeinfeld

So they're watching Knicks in Taipei but I can't get the game.#iliveheredammit

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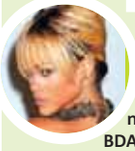

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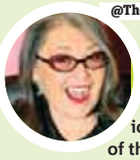

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Barrymore pregnant?

Drew Barrymore was spotted leaving a Beverly Hills doctor's office with fiancé Will Kopelman by her side and a sonogram printout in her hand, according to TMZ.

So does this mean that the actress is expecting? Her rep had gave a firm "No comment" in response.

But it could explain why Barrymore isn't farther along in her wedding planning. At a recent event — to which she showed up in fairly loose-fitting clothing — Barrymore admitted she hadn't even started shopping for a wedding dress.

"Oh, gosh, I don't know," she said. "I've been trying to figure it out! All I know is that I want something tasteful, something timeless."

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▶ Drew Barrymore

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How Christopher Kane, McQ and Acne sold us on fall's most ubiquitous colour

Burgundy is anything but bland

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As far as colours go, burgundy is a pretty lackluster follow-up to all the pops of yellow we saw for spring.

That age-old mix of red and brown brings to mind '80s corduroy, Avon lipstick and micro-suede couches sold at a deep discount in suburban furniture warehouses. Hardly something women would clamour to wear.

Simply put, the maroon parade that marched its way through New York was kind of a let down.

Then the London shows came along and things started to change.

In Christopher Kane's hands, the shade became sexually charged, Gothic and a little dangerous on his leather-trimmed dresses, padded coats and cigarette trousers.

Kane used a shade that more so resembled freshly drawn blood than living room curtains with a techie, moiré fabric that changed tones as the models moved. And that's exactly what made it so memorable.

The costume designers for True Blood should take note. Vampire Pam's closet could use an update.

Acne, meanwhile, gave burgundy a futuristic sheen in glossy leather pieces such as sleek trousers, a belted sculptural coat and full skirt.

They looked subversive and directional — and yet timeless. You could wear these without looking like you've succumbed to the trend of the season and pull them out a few years later and still look modern.

Most memorable, though, were Sarah Burton's sublime plays on texture at McQ.

Burgundy looks best when done in rich, plush, touchable things and Burton exploited this to maximum effect. Take her V-neck dress made out of shaved mink on top and embroidered velvet on the bottom, accessorized with leather elbow-length gloves. It looked glamourous without reading old; it was romantic while still maintaining an edge — a world away from the suburban living room.

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▶ McQ

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▶ Acne

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▶ Christopher Kane

What's trending

Military-inspired outerwear is hot for fall.

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▶ Burberry Prorsum

Jeanne Space

In this hectic modern world, Twitter has become a cool and succinct way of communicating. It allows me to be accessible, instantly speak my mind, and connects me with all kinds of people. Whether it's a fashion question or you just want to comment on life's bigger picture, I'd love to hear from you.

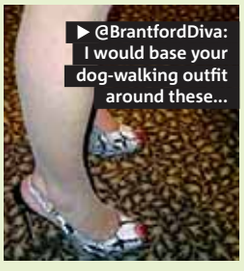
@Jeanne_Beker: Now that my still nameless little guy has started to test me: What's the best dog-walking outfit? (For me, not him!)

@patrickdisco: kelly bundy-esque pleather minidress, laceup stilettos and a big hair bow

@RadioGalDonna: I always wear my gym pants to be comfy, and easy to wash if paw prints end up on them :)

@Jeanne_Beker: Love it! An unpretentious pet owner!! Makes practical sense, for sure....

@ReneeGold1: Lu Lu Lemons or a Juicy Couture Jogging Suit! Comfort is key!



▶ @BrantfordDiva: I would base your dog-walking outfit around these...

@juliawants: leggings, boots, anorak!

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Mad Hatter

Hats and headdresses of all kinds have popped up on New York and London's runways. We look at some of the wildest.

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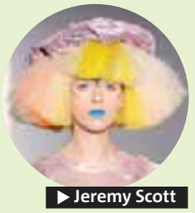

▶ Jeremy Scott

▶ Louise Gray

Tough urban cool at Topshop Unique's London fashion show

To Spanx or not to Spanx?

Academy Award nominees George Clooney, Octavia Spencer and others dish on their red-carpet underwear

Anyone who knows their Oscars knows that nominees' fashion plans are strictly top secret until the big day. They seem to be more revealing about their designer undergarments, though.

While it may fit into the too-much-information file, some of the year's most celebrated actors and directors aren't afraid to talk about the product placement underneath those tuxes and gowns.

"What I do, because I get chilly, I like to wear long johns. The full ones with the trap door in the back," said a joking George Clooney, a double nominee for his leading role in The Descendants and his adapted screenplay for The Ides of March.

Nominated Descendants director Alexander Payne declined to describe his planned underwear, so Clooney spoke for him.

"Garanimals," he said, referring to the children''s clothing brand. "Underoos."

Octavia Spencer, supporting actress nominee for The Help, will not be repeating the triple-Spanx approach she took at the Golden Globes.

"I want to be comfortable and look good and have fun," she said. "So I'm just going to do the normal one here."

The shaping undergarments have become such a red-carpet staple for women that Spanx introduced a men's line designed to boost pecs and minimize guts.

Berenice Bejo, nominated for her supporting role in The Artist, may be planning to work her sex appeal on the red carpet Sunday, where she'll be accompanied by her husband, nominated director Michel Hazanavicius of The Artist.

"You mean Spanx or no Spanx? I don't think so, because of the dress I'll have, I don't think I'll wear too much."

The Academy Awards will be presented Sunday.

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▶ Octavia Spencer at the 2012 Golden Globes

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▶ Actor George Clooney (left) and filmmaker Alexander Payne

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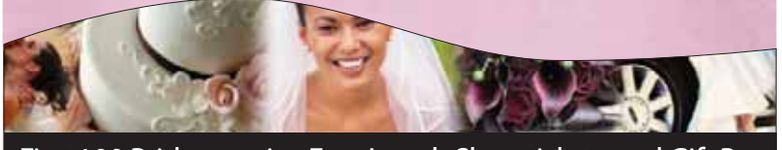

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Spotlight-stealing Oscar snacks

Years after winning big at the Academy Awards, Silence of the Lambs and The Godfather still fascinate viewers Even Hannibal Lecter and Don Vito Corleone wouldn't be able to resist these snacks

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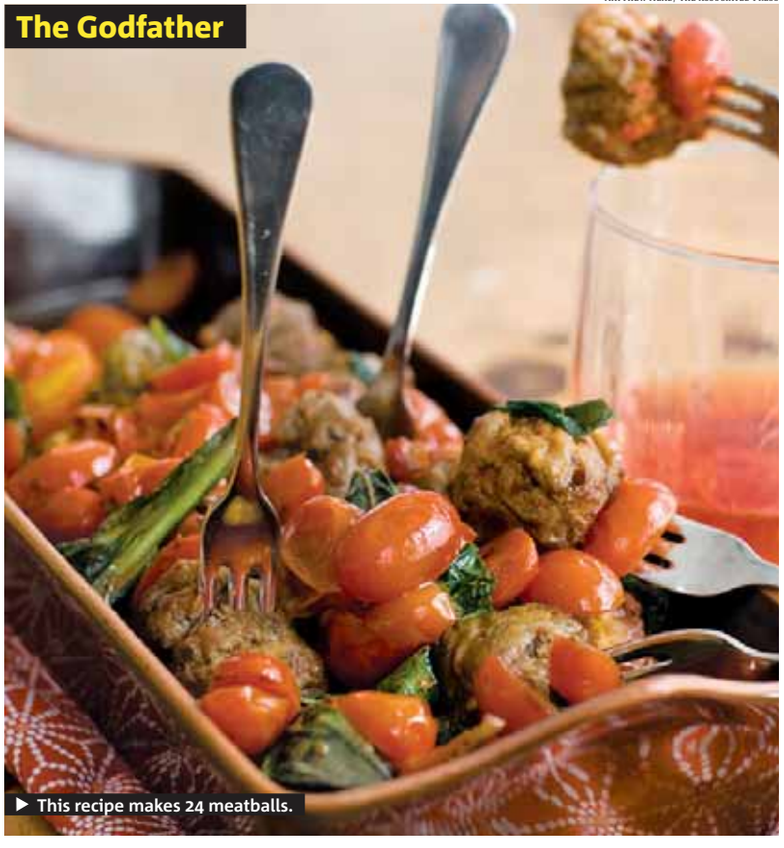

The Godfather

This recipe makes 24 meatballs.

An hors d'oeuvre they can't refuse: The Godfather

The Godfather is a sweeping saga of crime, punishment and the complexity of family ties. But it has its foodie side, too.

There's the ominous orange — you can expect trouble when one of these appears in the movie.

There's the scene where Clemenza teaches Michael Corleone how to make gravy (spaghetti sauce) because "you never know, you might have to cook for 20 guys someday."

And was there ever sager culinary counsel than this? "Leave the gun; take the cannoli."

Angry Meatballs Preparation:

1. In a medium mixing bowl, combine loose spicy Italian sausage with lean ground beef. Form into 2.5-cm (1-inch) balls.
2. In a large skillet over medium, heat olive oil. Add 4 cloves thinly sliced garlic and sauté for 3 minutes.
3. Add meatballs and cook until browned and cooked through, 6 to 8 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer meatballs to a plate.
4. Add crushed red pepper flakes, halved grape tomatoes and torn fresh basil leaves to pan. Sauté for 1 minute, then season with salt and pepper. Spoon over meatballs.

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Ingredients:

- 250 g (1/2 lb) of loose spicy Italian sausage
- 250 g (1/2 lb)lean ground beef
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic
- 5 ml (1 tsp) crushed red pepper flakes
- 500 ml (2 cups) halved grape tomatoes
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) torn fresh basil

Corleone Cocktail

Here's a cocktail featuring Italian liqeur with a touch of orange to keep things interesting.

Preparation:

1. In a double old-fashioned glass, stir together Campari, Amaretto, bitters and Scotch. Garnish with an orange twist.

Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1/2 oz) Campari
- 15 ml (1/2 oz) Amaretto liqueur
- Dash of bitters
- 45 ml (1 1/2 oz) Scotch whisky
- Orange twist, for garnish

Killer Recipe: Silence of the Lambs

Anthony Hopkins was brilliant in The Silence of the Lambs as Hannibal Lecter, the serial killer who boasted of consuming victims.

That's one way to solve the catering issue. But we'll go with this much less creepy (not to mention non-criminal) Chianti spritzer and fava crostini.

Fava Crostini Preparation:

1. In skillet, cook onions in olive oil until soft and brown. Add fava beans and cook until soft. Season with salt and pepper. Add lemon juice and chopped parsley. Roughly mash the mixture.
2. Serve spread on toasted slices of French bread with shavings of Parmesan cheese.

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Ingredients:

- 2 yellow onions
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 500 g (1 lb) pack frozen fava beans
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped parsley
- French bread
- Parmesan cheese

Peppered Chianti Spritzer

Preparation:

1. To cocktail shaker filled with ice, add vodka and Chianti. Shake; strain into cocktail glass. Top with seltzer water. Garnish with raspberries.

Ingredients:

- 30 ml (1 oz) pepper-flavoured vodka
- 60 ml (2 oz) Chianti wine
- Seltzer water
- Fresh raspberries

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Silence of the Lambs

This recipe makes 24 crostini

Now we're cookin' with gas

Give the heart of your home a little CPR: Karl Lohnes adds some style to an outdated kitchen

Victory Pendant Lamp, $179, CB2

CONTRIBUTED

▶ Small painted kitchens look best when a monochromatic colour scheme is implemented.

Moen's Danika 2 Handle, High Arc Kitchen Faucet in Chrome, $99, Home Depot

TIP: Remove a few upper cabinet doors (save them to be replaced if you move) to open up the small kitchen and offer some display.

DESIGN CENTRE

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Q. I am a renter and plan to stay in my place for three to five years. I'd like to paint the outdated oak cupboards in my small kitchen. Any suggestions on colour?

A. Small kitchens tend to look their best when treated with a monochromatic colour scheme; meaning that all the finishes in the small space are similar in colour and tone.

If you are not investing in a new countertop or backsplash then find your inspiration for a paint colour from the existing elements that you will not be changing.

For instance, if you have a grey speckled countertop choose a grey paint colour and other grey elements for the kitchen. One of my favourites is Benjamin Moore's Escarpment CC-518.

Paint everything in the kitchen the same colour; the cupboards will be painted in a gloss oil paint, the walls in a flat latex and the backsplash can be painted with a melamine paint for durability.

For a professional, smooth paint finish consider sending the cupboard doors and drawers out to be sprayed.

Kitchen karma

Here are a few other inexpensive ideas for sprucing up your kitchen.

- **Baby got backsplash:** Use peel-and-stick floor tile as a backsplash. Choose a matte, textured finish that resembles stone or marble. It's durable and easily removed by the next tenant if they want a new look.
- **Tickle your faucet fancy:** Replace your faucet; it's like jewelry for the kitchen. Splashy styles can be found at big box stores for inexpensive prices.
- **Hide-and-seek:** Use invisible knobs, which cost less than a dollar each and help to give a streamlined look to cupboard doors and drawers.
- **Work some industrial magic:** Install outdoor-style lighting to help give your kitchen a hip industrial look.

HOME DEPOT

▶ Trafficmaster's Sagebrush Vinyl Floor Tiles, $2 per square foot, Home Depot

WHEN STAIN REMOVAL IS COUCHED IN DIFFICULTY

CHARLES THE BUTLER

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Dear Charles the butler,
I have a very dirty microfibre couch and no idea how to clean it. The instructions said dish soap/water, but that just leaves a water stain. Thanks, Trevor

Dear Trevor,
You are absolutely correct. Generally when you treat a single stain in a specific location you run a high risk of creating a different spot.

This new spot is the "treated" area and it becomes a different colour from the rest of the fabric that hasn't been treated.

So often "spot" cleaning can be very tricky if you are not a professional. Remember that professionals bring years of experience and often are worth the investment. In order to correctly remove a stain, you must know what the stain is so that you can use the correct treatment for best results.

Usually for a piece of upholstered fabric you need to treat then clean either the entire cushion or the entire couch. I have absolutely no connection with Bissell but I have used their Portable Deep Cleaner with great success. This has worked to clean both an individual stain and the entire couch.

Don't let items get too dirty. The dirtier an item, the harder it is to clean, and testing your cleaning product/technique somewhere where it will not be seen is always a good idea!

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DIY IDEAS

Wainscotting is the perfect winter DIY project and not only because the panels were historically used to insulate rooms from the cold — the ornate panelling adds a decorative element to any room of the house.

Here's some wainscotting tips from Renovation Realities, which airs on DIY Network Canada week nights at 7:30 p.m. ET/PT.

The show gives renovation inspiration — from simple upkeep to major overhauls.

Prepare

Wainscotting refers to a wall panelling style applied to the lower three to five feet of an interior wall.

This decorative look can be achieved with hardwood plywood, vertical stiles and a horizontal rail, all of which can be found at home centres.

Cove moulding is a concave-profile moulding and can be used to add a more detailed look to the top rail and vertical stiles.

Another less expensive option is beadboard, which already includes delicate, vertical grooves — "beads" — milled into the wood.

Beadboard can be used as stand-alone wall panelling or be surrounded by stiles and a rail as part of the wainscotting installation.

Plan your layout

If you plan on painting the panels, prime the plywood before installation.

Remove existing baseboards and electrical outlet covers from the wall. Use an electronic stud finder to locate and mark the position of any wall studs.

Measure the desired height of the wainscot and use a laser level to extend this line across the walls; lightly mark as it will become the top of the panelling and upper rail.

A few installation tips

Starting from a corner, begin installing the plywood sheets along the wall, measuring the last section to fit against the adjacent corner.

Secure the sheets by nailing them to the wall studs. Install the horizontal top rail directly atop the plywood sheets by nailing through the plywood and into the wall studs. Next, install the vertical stiles, equally spaced, again beginning from the corner.

Finally, re-attach the baseboard and electrical outlet covers. Apply cove moulding if desired.

Finishing touches

Sand the wood surfaces and fill any holes with wood putty. You can apply a wood stain or paint the panelling to finish the look. Enjoy the old-world charm of your brand new wainscoting!

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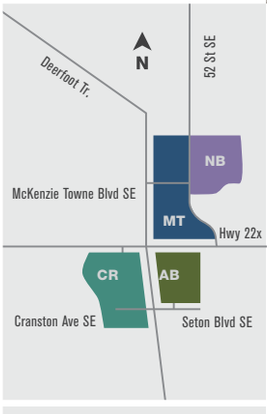

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Tarnby rug, $100, ikea.com

Scotties. Curling

▶ Manitoba skip Jennifer Jones calls a shot during Wednesday's morning draw against B.C. at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Red Deer.

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Jones drives Manitoba to top spot at Scotties

Manitoba's Jennifer Jones, B.C.'s Kelly Scott and defending champion Amber Holland continued to lead the pack at the Canadian women's curling championship Wednesday. The three teams closed in on playoff berths with six wins apiece. Both Scott and Holland finished the day 6-3, while Manitoba was 6-2 with a game to play later Wednesday against Yukon/Northwest Territories.

More than a must-win game

THE HOCKEY NEWS

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It's one part hyperbole and one part repetition, but Calgary's game tonight against the Phoenix Coyotes is by far the most important outing of the season to date.

Haven't we heard that one before? Well, yes, but here's why tonight's match is more than a must-win game. And it goes well beyond the obvious — rebounding from an egg-laying 6-1 loss on home ice to the 29th-place Edmonton Oilers Tuesday.

It was around this time last season — March 9 to be precise — the surging Flames rose as high as fifth place in the Western Conference. Winning eight of 11 games and clipping along at a points percentage of around .700 since mid-December, Calgary stunned the critics by reaching a playoff position with 13 games remaining.

But in the time it took to take a long, collective breath, the Flames lost three straight to slip back into ninth place. It was during that stretch they looked completely gassed. Completely spent like a drifter's last paycheque. There was nothing left in the engine room and 10 games to go.

Back in action

Forward Curtis Glencross and defenceman Derek Smith suited up to practice with the Flames on Wednesday after extended absences from the lineup.

Calgary won five and lost five down the stretch and missed the playoffs by four points. It's easy to say with the benefit of 20-20 hindsight that losing those three in a row, after finally getting a sniff of playoff position, was the crushing setback.

So isn't it funny the Coyotes are back in town at this most defining moment of 2011-12. The Flames finally get to grab a hold of a playoff spot — albeit in late February — and the effort in getting this far sucks the tank dry. There was nothing left in Calgary's legs Tuesday against the young Oilers. That's not to say they weren't trying, they just looked like a bunch of guys hitting the 22-mile wall in a marathon. Even the great Miikka Kiprusoff can take a team only so far.

And that's what makes tonight's bounce-back game so critical. Have the injury-depleted troops exhausted themselves beyond the point of recovery? Or is there another gear and another surge coming? We'll know soon enough, and all on home ice. After the Coyotes are tough matches against Philadelphia and St. Louis.

4 sports

Flames preview

Phoenix at Calgary
7 p.m.
TV: SNET

The Flames (28-23-9) host Phoenix (30-21-9), which won each of its last three games by one goal. Mike Smith has won eight straight starts to reach a career-high 26 wins on the season. Calgary announced that defenceman Chris Butler would be out of the lineup for up to three weeks after suffering a laceration on his left thigh during Tuesday night's game.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	58	38	15	1	4	161	118	81	19-7-0-2	19-8-1-2	7-3-0-0	L1
d-Boston	58	36	20	1	1	194	134	74	18-10-1-1	18-10-0-0	4-6-0-0	W1
d-Florida	58	27	20	5	6	144	162	65	14-8-1-6	13-12-4-0	5-5-0-0	L3
New Jersey	59	35	20	1	3	168	162	74	16-10-0-3	19-10-1-0	8-1-0-1	W4
Philadelphia	59	33	19	2	5	198	181	73	14-10-1-4	19-9-1-1	4-5-0-1	W1
Pittsburgh	60	34	21	2	3	186	160	73	18-8-2-0	16-13-0-3	5-4-0-1	W1
Ottawa	62	32	22	6	2	190	185	72	16-11-2-1	16-11-4-1	5-3-2-0	W4
Toronto	60	29	24	4	3	181	184	65	16-9-3-2	13-15-1-1	4-5-1-0	L2
Winnipeg	62	29	26	4	3	157	175	65	18-9-1-2	11-17-3-1	5-4-1-0	L1
Washington	60	29	26	2	3	161	173	63	19-8-0-2	10-18-2-1	3-6-0-1	L3
Tampa Bay	59	27	26	3	3	166	197	60	18-9-1-1	9-17-2-2	5-3-2-0	W3
Buffalo	60	26	27	3	4	150	176	59	15-11-3-4	11-16-0-0	5-3-0-2	W2
NY Islanders	60	25	27	5	3	139	171	58	13-14-5-0	12-13-1-2	4-5-0-1	L2
Montreal	61	24	27	2	8	160	167	58	11-14-2-6	13-13-0-2	5-4-0-1	L2
Carolina	60	23	26	7	4	158	181	57	16-12-0-3	7-14-7-1	6-2-2-0	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	61	41	18	1	1	191	141	84	26-2-1-0	15-16-0-1	7-2-0-1	L1
d-Vancouver	60	38	16	0	6	195	147	82	18-6-0-4	20-10-0-2	7-1-0-2	L1
d-San Jose	58	31	20	4	3	170	148	69	18-9-2-0	13-11-2-3	3-6-1-0	L4
St. Louis	60	36	17	1	6	152	121	79	26-4-1-3	10-13-0-3	6-4-0-0	L2
Nashville	60	35	19	3	3	168	155	76	19-7-2-2	16-12-1-1	5-3-0-2	W2
Chicago	61	33	21	4	3	191	179	73	21-6-1-3	12-15-3-0	4-6-0-0	W4
Phoenix	60	30	21	3	6	157	151	69	16-10-2-2	14-11-1-4	8-1-0-1	W3
Los Angeles	61	27	22	5	7	129	135	66	15-13-0-4	12-9-5-3	2-6-1-1	L4
Calgary	60	28	23	5	4	143	161	65	16-9-1-1	12-14-4-3	5-2-2-1	L1
Dallas	60	30	26	1	3	155	167	64	16-12-0-2	14-14-1-1	4-4-1-1	W1
Colorado	61	30	27	3	1	155	169	64	17-13-0-1	13-14-3-0	4-4-1-1	W1
Minnesota	59	26	24	2	7	131	154	61	14-10-1-3	12-14-1-4	2-6-0-2	W1
Anaheim	60	25	25	4	6	154	171	60	15-13-2-0	10-12-2-6	6-1-1-2	L1
Edmonton	59	23	30	2	4	159	178	52	15-10-2-2	8-20-0-2	5-4-1-0	W1
Columbus	60	18	35	2	5	142	198	43	11-16-1-2	7-19-1-3	5-4-1-0	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Ottawa 5 Washington 2
Boston 4 St. Louis 2
Colorado 4 Los Angeles 1
Tuesday's results
Edmonton 6 Calgary 1
Dallas 3 Montreal 0
Nashville 3 Vancouver 1
New Jersey 4 Toronto 3 (OT)
Philadelphia 5 Winnipeg 4 (OT)
Buffalo 2 N.Y. Islanders 1
Chicago 2 Detroit 1
Columbus 6 San Jose 3
Phoenix 5 Los Angeles 4 (SO)
Pittsburgh 2 N.Y. Rangers 0
Tampa Bay 3 Anaheim 2
Tonight's games
San Jose at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Vancouver at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Washington, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Boston at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

SENATORS 5, CAPITALS 2

First Period
1. Ottawa, Karlsson 13 (Spezza, Michalek) 9:36
2. Ottawa, Michalek 26 (Karlsson) 14:13
Penalty — Neil Ott (elbowing) 10:09.
Second Period
3. Ottawa, Michalek 27 (Karlsson, Alfredsson) 3:37 (pp)
4. Ottawa, Phillips 4 (Foligno, Neil) 12:08 (pp)
Penalties — Green Wash (tripping) 3:03, Karlsson Ott (slashing) 7:37, Wideman Wash (hooking) 8:03, Brouwer Wash (unsportsman-like conduct) 10:29, Laich Wash, Smith Ott (fighting), Foligno Ott (slashing) 12:50, Michalek Ott (interference) 15:19.
Third Period
5. Washington, Carlson 8 (Semin) 2:19 (pp)
6. Washington, Perreault 10 (Chimera, Semin) 9:57
7. Ottawa, Foligno 13 (unassisted) 18:47 (en)
Penalty — Turris Ott (hooking) 0:22.
Shots

Washington	11	11	13	35
Ottawa	7	9	10	26

Goal (shots-saves) — Washington: Vokoun (L,23-15-2) (11-7), Neuvirth (12:08 second, 14-14); Ottawa: Anderson (W,29-19-6). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Washington: 1-5; Ottawa: 2-3.
Att. — 18,357 (19,153) at Ottawa.

BRUINS 4, BLUES 2

First Period
1. Boston, Marchand 20, 2:29
2. Boston, Lucic 21 (Corvo, Kelly) 6:19
3. St. Louis, Stewart 12 (Porter, Arnott) 7:17
4. St. Louis, Reaves 2 (Crombeen, Shattenkirk) 12:15
5. Boston, Kelly 15 (Lucic, Boychuk) 19:20
Penalties — McQuaid Bos, Crombeen StL (fighting) 2:38, Chara Bos (hooking) 14:00.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Third Period
6. Boston, Marchand 21 (Seguin, Bergeron) 9:14
Penalty — Backes StL (goaltender interference) 19:25.
Shots

Boston	6	4	9	19
St. Louis	10	14	8	32

Goal — Boston: Thomas (W,25-12-0); St. Louis: Elliott (L,20-7-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Boston: 0-1; St. Louis: 0-1.
Att. — 18,460 (19,150) at St. Louis, Mo.

AVS 4, KINGS 1

First Period
1. Colorado, Olver 2 (D.Jones, Winnik) 7:04
2. Colorado, Stastny 15, 13:04
3. Colorado, McClement 8 (O'Reilly, Kobasew) 17:22
Penalty — Downie Col (tripping) 14:16.
Second Period
4. Colorado, Stastny 16 (Landeskog, Duchene) 12:45
Penalties — J.Johnson LA, Clifford LA, Wilson Col (roughing), Nolan LA, Kobasew Col (misconduct) 8:58, Landeskog Col (holding) 10:13, O'Byrne Col (cross-checking) 13:56.
Third Period
5. Los Angeles, Brown 15 (Doughty, Richards) 4:35
Penalties — None.
Shots

Los Angeles	10	14	9	33
Colorado	11	11	5	27

Goal (shots-saves) — Los Angeles: Quick (L,24-17-11)(11-8), Bernier (start second)(16-15); Colorado: Varlamov (W,16-18-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Los Angeles: 0-3; Colorado: 0-1.
Att. — 15,907 (18,007) at Denver.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Malkin, Pgh	33	40	73
Stamkos, TB	42	28	70
Giroux, Pha	23	47	70
Spezza, Ott	27	38	65
Kessel, Tor	31	33	64
H.Sedin, Vcr	13	51	64
Lupul, Tor	23	39	62
D.Sedin, Vcr	26	35	61
Pominville, Buf	23	36	59
Datsyuk, Det	16	43	59
Eberle, Edm	26	32	58
Kovalchuk, NJ	25	33	58
Tavares, NYI	24	34	58
Hossa, Chi	23	35	58
Neal, Pgh	30	27	57
Toews, Chi	29	28	57
Karlsson, Ott	12	45	57
Hartnell, Pha	28	28	56
Elias, NJ	19	37	56
Ra.Whitney, Phx	16	38	54
Parenteau, NYI	12	42	54
Selanne, Ana	20	33	53
Thornton, SJ	13	40	53
Vrbata, Phx	30	22	52
St. Louis, TB	18	34	52
Couture, SJ	27	24	51
Sharp, Chi	24	27	51

Not including last night's games

SOCCER

EUROPA LEAGUE

SECOND ROUND
Yesterday's result
Manchester City 4 (England), FC Porto (Portugal) 0 (Manchester City advances 6-1 on aggregate)

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

SECOND ROUND
First Leg
Yesterday's results
FC Basel (Switzerland) 1 Bayern Munich (Germany) 0
Marseille (France) 1 Inter Milan (Italy) 0

ENGLAND

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Yesterday's result
Hull 0 Brighton 0

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Celtic 2 Dunfermline 0
Motherwell 4 Hibernian 3

FRANCE

LIGUE 1

Yesterday's results
Sochaux 0 Lille 1
Saint-Etienne 4 Lorient 2
Caen 2 Auxerre 1

ITALY

SERIE A

Yesterday's results
Siena 0 Catania 1

TRANSACTIONS

CFL

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Named Will Plemons defensive line coach and Chip Garber linebackers coach.

NHL

DALLAS STARS—Placed C Jake Dowell on injured reserve, retroactive to Feb. 21. Recalled F Matt Fraser from Texas (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Reassigned F Chris Mueller to Milwaukee (AHL).
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Sent D Ty Wishart to Bridgeport (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Acquired C Antoine Vermette from Columbus for G Curtis McElhinney, a 2012 second-round draft pick and a 2013 fifth-round draft pick.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled F Keith Aucoin from Hershey (AHL).

MLS

MONTREAL IMPACT—Announced the retirement of D-MF Simon Gatti, who will coach the U14 team of the Impact Academy.

CURLING

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At Red Deer, Alta.

Province (skip)	W	L
Manitoba (J.Jones)	6	2
Canada (Holland)	6	3
B.C. (K.Scott)	6	3
New Brunswick (Atkinson)	5	3
Quebec (Larouche)	5	3
Alberta (Nedohin)	5	4
Saskatchewan (Englot)	4	4
Ontario (Horgan)	4	5
Nova Scotia (Smith-Dacey)	3	5
P.E.I. (Dolan)	2	6
N.L. (H.Strong)	2	6
NWT/Yukon (Galusha)	2	6

All Times Eastern
Yesterday's results
Draw 12
New Brunswick 6 Ontario 5
Nova Scotia 7 Canada 6 (extra end)
Manitoba 8 British Columbia 6 (extra end)
Alberta 9 Saskatchewan 8
Draw 13
British Columbia 11 Northwest/Yukon Territories 6
Quebec 6 Alberta 5
Ontario 7 Newfoundland & Labrador 4
Canada 10 P.E.I. 4
Draw 14
P.E.I. vs. Nova Scotia; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. New Brunswick; Quebec vs. Saskatchewan; Manitoba vs. Northwest/Yukon Territories.
Tuesday's results
Ninth Draw
Manitoba 8 Nova Scotia 3
Newfoundland & Labrador 8 P.E.I. 4
Quebec 7 Northwest/Yukon Territories 5
Saskatchewan 11 New Brunswick 6
Draw 10
Alberta 7 British Columbia 4
Canada 9 Ontario 4
Manitoba 8 Saskatchewan 7 (extra end)
New Brunswick 8 Nova Scotia 4
Draw 11
Alberta 10 P.E.I. 5
British Columbia 11 Newfoundland & Labrador 7
Ontario 12 Northwest/Yukon Territories 2
Quebec 8 Canada 5 (extra end)
Today's games
Draw 15, 10:30 a.m.
Alberta vs. Newfoundland & Labrador; British Columbia vs. P.E.I.; Canada vs. Northwest/Yukon Territories; Quebec vs. Ontario.
Draw 16, 3:30 p.m.
Manitoba vs. Quebec; Saskatchewan vs. Northwest/Yukon Territories; New Brunswick vs. P.E.I.; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Nova Scotia.
Draw 17, 9:30 p.m.
Canada vs. Saskatchewan; Ontario vs. Manitoba; Alberta vs. Nova Scotia; New Brunswick vs. British Columbia.
Tiebreakers (if required)
One Draw — Friday, 10 a.m.
Two Draws — Friday, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Three Draws — Friday, 10 a.m., 3 and 9:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Page Playoffs
One vs. Two, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Page Playoffs
Three vs. Four, 1 p.m.
Semifinal
One/Two loser vs. Three/Four winner, 6 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Miami	26	7	.788	—
d-Chicago	27	8	.771	—
Orlando	22	12	.647	4½
d-Philadelphia	20	14	.588	6½
Indiana	21	12	.636	5
Atlanta	19	14	.576	7
New York	17	17	.500	9½
Boston	15	17	.469	10½
Cleveland	13	18	.419	12
Milwaukee	13	20	.394	13
Detroit	11	24	.314	16
Toronto	10	23	.303	16
New Jersey	10	25	.286	17
Washington	7	26	.212	19
Charlotte	4	28	.125	21½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	26	7	.788	—
d-San Antonio	23	10	.697	3
d-L.A. Clippers	19	11	.633	5½
Dallas	21	13	.618	5½
L.A. Lakers	20	13	.606	6
Houston	20	14	.588	6½
Memphis	19	15	.559	7½
Denver	18	15	.545	8
Portland	18	16	.529	8½
Minnesota	17	17	.500	9½
Utah	15	17	.469	10½
Golden State	13	17	.433	11½
Phoenix	14	20	.412	12½
Sacramento	11	22	.333	15
New Orleans	8	25	.242	18

d — division leaders ranked in top four positions regardless of record.

Last night's results
Oklahoma City 119 Boston 104
Indiana 102 Charlotte 88
New Orleans 89 Cleveland 84
Toronto 103 Detroit 93
Sacramento 115 Washington 107
Orlando 108 New Jersey 91
New York 99 Atlanta 82
Chicago 110 Milwaukee 91
Houston 93 Philadelphia 87
Minnesota 100 Utah 98
Golden State 106 Phoenix 104
L.A. Lakers 96 Dallas 91
Denver at L.A. Clippers
Tuesday's Games
Cleveland 101, Detroit 100
Indiana 117, New Orleans 108 (OT)
Miami 120, Sacramento 108
Memphis 89, Philadelphia 76
Portland 137, San Antonio 97
Tonight's games
New York at Miami, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.

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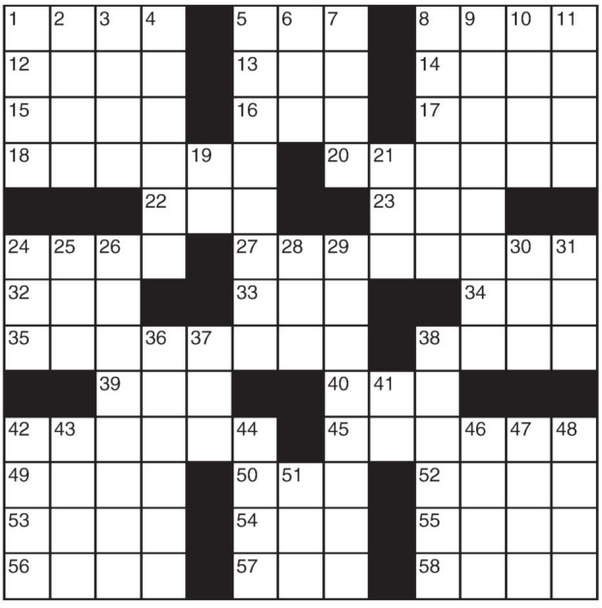
Tomorrow's games
Rochester at Toronto
Philadelphia at Edmonton
Calgary at Colorado
Minnesota at Washington
Saturday's results
Philadelphia 14 Toronto 8
Rochester 15 Washington 12
Colorado 12 Minnesota 7
Calgary 12 Edmonton 8
Saturday, Feb. 25
NLL All-star Game at Buffalo, N.Y., 7 p.m.

Crossword



Across

1 Beige
5 Owns
8 Excellent, in slang
12 "You've got —"
13 Individual
14 Wealth source
15 "— She Lovely"
16 Periodical, for short
17 Congregation's cry
18 Government in power
20 Stress
22 Wrestling surface
23 Towel designation
24 Vocal comeback
27 Snake-related
32 To and —
33 Personal question?
34 Ernesto Guevara
35 Middle-ear membrane
38 Old card game
39 Shade source
40 Ram's mate
42 Of Hebrew descent
45 Lighthouse light
49 Shaving cream additive
50 Tokyo's old name
52 Tardy
53 Catherine, Henry VIII's sixth wife
54 Moreover
55 Grand story
56 BPOE members
57 Deposit
58 Dilbert's workplace

Down

1 Eastern potentate
2 24 bottles
3 Peal
4 In the preceding month
5 Where you grew up
6 Literary collection
7 Genesis name
8 Tranquil
9 Nostalgic, in a way
10 Port of Yemen
11 Camper's shelter
19 Mother
21 Actor McBride
24 Salamander
25 Weep
26 Student's assignment
28 Dien Bien — (Vietnam city)
29 One disinclined to do the town
30 "Eureka!"
31 Trawler need
36 Needlenose tool
37 Mornings (Abbr.)
38 Unopened
41 You and I
42 Scoff
43 Israeli airline
44 Get better
46 Garb for Superman
47 Elevator name
48 Choker location
51 "CSI" evidence

▶ Yesterday's answer

F	A	N	G		A	D	S		C	O	D	A
L	U	A	U		L	E	I		I	R	O	N
O	R	B	I	T	I	N	G		S	N	I	T
P	A	S	T	A			H	E	C	A	T	E
			A	R	T	S		N	O	M		
M	O	O	R		A	E	R	O		E	L	F
O	R	R		E	X	P	E	L		N	E	O
P	E	G		C	I	T	E		S	T	A	B
		A	A	H		A	L	O	E			
H	A	N	S	O	M			O	N	I	C	E
I	B	I	S		O	R	T	H	O	D	O	X
S	I	Z	E		P	E	A		R	O	L	E
S	T	E	T		E	G	G		A	L	A	S

Sudoku

			7		5	9		3
7	4		6					8
					1			
	3	9	8				6	5
6	1				7	3	4	
			2					
3					9		5	2
5		1	4		8			

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

1	7	3	8	6	5	2	9	4
9	8	2	4	7	3	5	6	1
6	5	4	9	2	1	8	7	3
8	3	9	2	5	7	4	1	6
2	4	1	6	3	8	7	5	9
7	6	5	1	4	9	3	8	2
3	2	8	7	9	6	1	4	5
5	1	6	3	8	4	9	2	7
4	9	7	5	1	2	6	3	8

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I wanted to take a moment to tell you all how much I love you! You have given me the best 18 + years of my life and I wouldn't trade it for anything! You are all turning out to be smart, honest, and beautiful/handsome. I <3 watching you grow up and develop your own personalities. Never let the "little" people keep you down. If you want something, go for it. I know you can do it. :) **<3 YOUR MOM**

You, I really thought you were the perfect one for me. Everything really clicked, or at least I thought it did. I guess I'm just prone to getting hurt way too much. No matter what girl you find now, I'll always love you a lot. Just because you never felt the same way, doesn't mean it'll change how I feel. You're really a great guy, I hope you know that. **AEROPLANE OVER THE SEA**

A look at the weather

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Min -3°	Min -8°	Min -13°
Max 1°	Max -1°	Max -10°

Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist
"I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta". **WEEKDAYS 5:30AM**

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Both at home and at work you will be called on to shoulder heavy burdens over the next 24 hours.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
With so many cosmic influences working in your favour now there is precious little you can do that will be perceived as wrong.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
The sooner you assert your authority, the sooner you will get what you want. That applies to all areas.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
Your pace of life may be too hectic for some people but the Sun in sympathetic Pisces means you thrive on the pressure.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Making money comes easy to you now but the question is: can you hang on to it? Don't waste what you earn on luxury goods.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
You can expect some rather amazing things to happen today, but they will be even more amazing if you make them happen yourself.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
You are worrying for no reason. Channel fears into creative activities to turn negative into positive.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
The planets urge you to be more active, more assertive and more ambitious. It's a creative time.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
So many things are changing now that it may all be a bit of a blur but you're naturally flexible.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Nothing can hold you back today. Nothing can dent your self-belief. You were born to be a winner.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Don't worry if something of value goes out of your life. What comes in will make up for it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Make sure those who mean the most to you can see how much you care. Don't just assume they know it — come out and say it in plain language. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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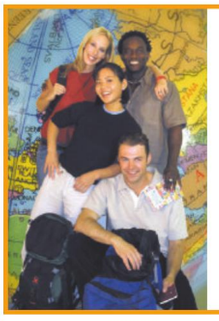

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